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Bill would aid Bethel Family Health Center

BY ALISON ALOISIO

A bill described as "critically important" by its sponsor would help fund health centers across the state, including the Bethel Family Health Center.

LD 969, sponsored by Sen. Roger Katz (R-Augusta) would provide \$1.5 million a year in state funds for the next two years to aid the 19 federally-qualified health centers in Maine.

According to the bill, each center would receive \$25,000 each year, with an additional \$5,000 per year going those that are nationally certified for quality assurance. The BFHC would qualify for the additional funds, according to a spokesperson.

LD 969 is titled "An Act to Preserve Jobs and Primary Care Services in Rural and Underserved Areas of Maine."

In his testimony before the Committee on Health and Human Services, Katz said the bill would "help cover the cost of care for the uninsured, underinsured and to assist in recruitment and retention of primary care professionals."

He described the impact to the health centers of cuts in MaineCare and Maine's choice not to expand Medicaid:

"It is a fact that MaineCare eligibility has been cut by tens of thousands over the last few years. It is also a fact that Maine has not passed a bill to accept the federal funds to expand the program. And, whether you support that decision or not, it is also a fact that these decisions have had adverse financial

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Local residents testify at LD 1082 hearing

BY ALISON ALOISIO

"Listening to the testimony, our situations are drastically different."

That was Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield's take on SAD 44 and SAD 6 at last Wednesday's public hearing on LD 1082 in Augusta, before the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. (For background on the bill see the April 16 Citizen.)

The two school districts are bound together by legislation that in 2005 kept their local budget shares determined entirely by property valuation. Because of that, Newry in SAD 44 and Frye Island in SAD 6 each pay a large portion of their district's budget. Frye Island now seeks to change that cost-sharing formula to 50 percent valuation, 50 percent student population, a change that would also affect SAD 44.

State Rep. Fran Head (R-Bethel) and state Sen. John Patrick (D-Rumford), in speaking at Wednesday's hearing, both proposed an amendment be made to the bill to remove SAD 44 from the legislation.

Testimony from Frye Islanders told of a mill rate and tax bills for comparable-sized homes much higher than for other towns in SAD 6. Property owners and the Frye Island town manager said real estate values are declining because taxes are so high, and the town will struggle to survive if the situation continues. The town also has only one vote out of 995

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Bookbinding instructor Jim Beblo shows Western Mountains Senior College student Ruth Barrett how to use a utility knife to trim the edges of a text block to create a handmade hardcover book.

A. Wight Chapman

WMSC bookbinders take love of books to a new level

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Many of the members of the Western Mountains Senior College are avid readers, enrolling in classes during which they read and discuss books, poems, and essays.

Others are writers, attending creative writing classes and discovering how to put their own thoughts into words.

Now, some WMSC students are extending their appreciation of books beyond the words on the page. They are enrolled in a three-session course on bookbinding, learning to create individual hardcover books from start to finish.

Their instructor is Jim Beblo, who recently taught himself to make his own case-bound books.

Although he is a member of the WMSC creative writing class, Beblo's background is in engineering, and his creative interests lie primarily in hands-on projects. After learning the bookbinding process himself, he agreed to teach it to others.

In the first two sessions of the class, participants learned about the terminology, materials, tools, and techniques, and created their own text block, the inner pages of the book.

They watched an on-line tutorial that demonstrated how to sew together each set of pages, called a signature, and then join the signatures together to make the text block.

After practicing the steps for hand-stitching the signatures on pre-punched sewing cards that Beblo provided, they put

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Greenwood's proposed TIF project presented

BY ALISON ALOISIO

At a public hearing last Tuesday, Greenwood residents learned details of a tax increment financing proposal (TIF) that could lead to

\$2.2 million in development-related improvements over an area ranging from Mt. Abram to the Town Hall.

Residents will vote on the plan at the May 16 annual Town Meeting. About a doz-

en people attended the hearing.

The proposal application, presented at the meeting, would be submitted to the Maine Department of Economic and Community De-

velopment if voters approve.

It calls for 88 acres in Greenwood to be designated as a TIF district. Under the program the town could "capture" 100 percent of new real and personal property value in the district for a total of 30 years, and use it to fund infrastructure improvements and administrative costs.

According to the application, by creating the district the town "shelters" the increase in municipal valuation that development brings: "This tax shift mitigates the adverse effect that the district's increased assessed property value has on the town's share of state aid to education, municipal revenue sharing and its county tax assessment."

According to a chart provided, there would not be any tax shift benefit from that until 2017, in an amount of \$2,111 that the town would otherwise have to pay. It would climb from there over 30 years to about \$20,000 a year.

As for the revenue available for the improvement projects, the first year the town would have \$18,750, climbing over 30 years to \$187,500 annually.

Among the specific proposed projects: reconstruction

of the Howe Hill Road, performing arts center improvements (Town Hall); town dock improvements; sidewalks and trails; transit service costs; environmental improvement projects; and fire truck and other public safety equipment or capital expenditures.

A larger, overall development plan for Greenwood is more encompassing, and also includes Mt. Abram's business plans.

On that list are a new main lodge that would become a year-round facility; doubling the size of Westside Lodge; three-phase power for ex-

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ATTENTION TOWN OF BETHEL TAXPAYERS

This notice is to remind you that the second half of your Fiscal Year 2015 tax bill is due and payable May 1, 2015. Interest will begin to accrue May 2, 2015. For the amount owed, please refer to the bill that you received in the fall of 2014. If you have lost or misplaced your bill you may call the office at 207-824-2669 or email at info@bethelmaine.org for an amount owed.

Newry lowers timeshare values

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen voted Tuesday to drop the assessments of all timeshares in town by 25 percent, noting the steady decline in their resale value over the past decade.

Town Administrator Loretta Powers said of some quartershare timeshares that used to sell for \$80,000 to \$100,000, "you can't give them away for \$5,000."

She provided an example of one timeshare that 10 years ago was worth \$28,400. It declined steadily over the years to \$21,000 and then \$13,510, she said. Under the new assessment it would be worth \$10,660, she said.

Powers said there are a total of 1,664 quartershares in town, all at Sunday River Resort.

"A lot of people are walking away from them," she said, in part because they must still continue to pay association fees.

Selectman Jim Largess, who said he is on the board for the timeshare/condo associations at Sunday River, said lowering the assessments "is the right thing to do."

He made a motion to make the reduction 25 percent, and he and Chairman Gary Wight voted for it. Selectman Wendy Hanscom was absent from the meeting.

Resident Doug Webster asked how much tax revenue the town would lose as a result of dropping the assessments.

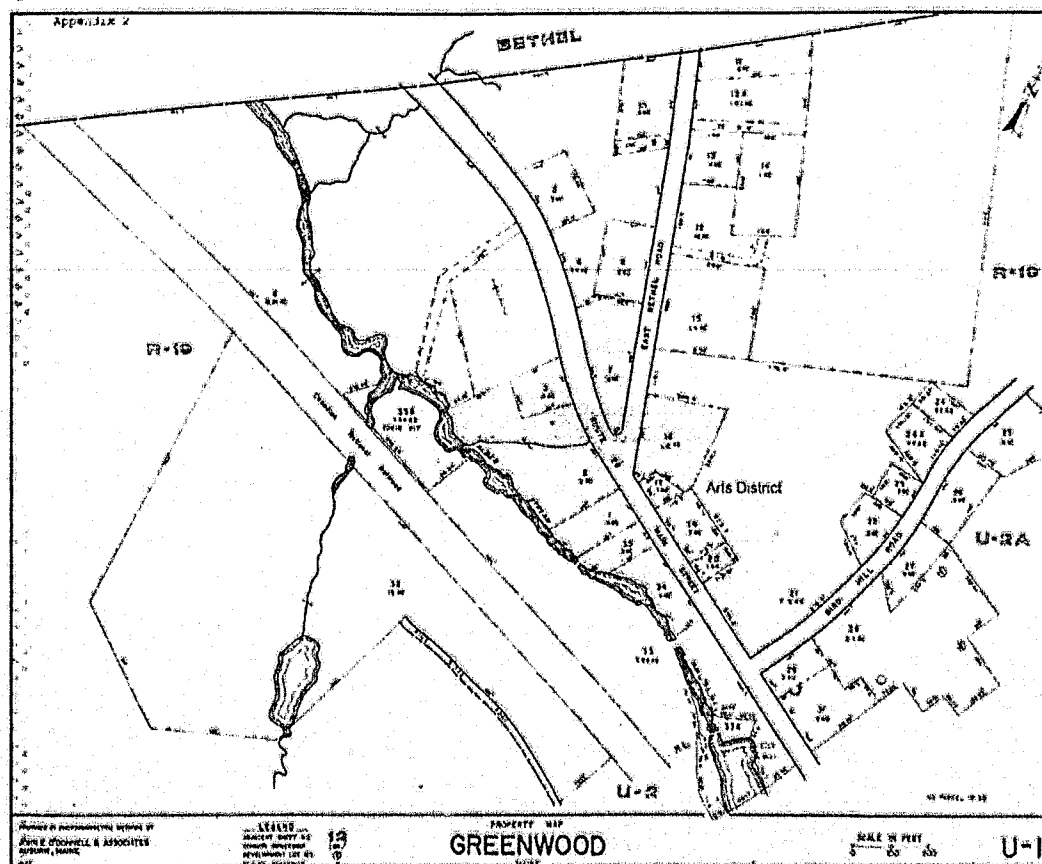
Powers said according to the town's assessing agent, the loss would be "very little," and would be made up for in large part by 18 new houses that came on the tax rolls in 2014.

She said the town should also start to think about doing a town-wide revaluation. The last one was done about 10 years ago.

The discussion on tax revenue led to a question from resident Tama Drown on whether the town might consider changing its Town Meeting to June and fiscal year to start July 1. Currently, the town runs on the calendar year, six months off from SAD 44's fiscal year.

Powers said because of that the town must wait to send out its tax bills until later in the summer, after the school budget has been determined.

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The Arts District portion of the proposed Greenwood TIF project, shaded in gray on a town property map.


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Letters

BETHEL BICYCLE THANKS

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all of the people who have supported Bethel Bicycle over the last six years. We have enjoyed seeing people in the area on new bikes, and have had a lot of fun keeping the older bikes in the community running. This year the shop will be under new ownership as the Seib Family takes over. So do not fear; many of the same faces will still be at the shop providing the same personalized service.

I would especially like to thank Maggie Lore who managed the shop for the past six years and helped make the shop a place where any rider or potential rider could feel comfortable. I would also like to thank all of the other employees who have made the shop run including Eric Stevenson and Gary Brearly, our esteemed mechanics and a host of other high school and college aged cyclists who helped keep Bethel Bicycle fun and energetic.

Keep your eyes and ears open for group rides starting as soon as the roads and trails are clear. Stop in soon to say hello to Kristen and Don Seib, and start planning your next riding adventure.

I'll see you all on the roads and trails in the Bethel Area.

Peter Southam
Bethel

WOODSTOCK CLEANUP DAY

To the Editor:

Woodstock Conservation Commission is sponsoring a Clean-Up Day for the Town of Woodstock on Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. It's our first year to join with Conservation Commissions around the country on the first Saturday in May to show some pride in our towns. All ages are welcome to come and clean up the roadways and public spaces.

Meet at the Bryant Pond ball field on Lakeshore Drive. Bring any reflective clothing and garbage bags will be provided. Trucks are useful to take the trash to the Greenwood/Woodstock transfer station. We'll take all the returnable bottles to the Woodstock PTA at the transfer station.

The town wants to have the public areas cleaned up prior to the Bicentennial June 20 and 21. Areas targeted are the ball field, the roadways, the greenspace by the Post Office. For more information contact Jane Chandler, 357-3524.

Jane Chandler
Woodstock

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION INCOMPETENCE

To the Editor:

Saturday evening, April 18, Fox News program "Judge Jeanine" hosted the chair of the US House Select Committee investigating some of the Administration's apparent malfeasance, Congressman Tray Goudy. They played part of a video transcript showing Chair of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Ms. Leonhart, testifying before Goudy's committee about revelations that several DEA agents working in Colombia having sex with prostitutes furnished and paid by some of the drug cartels they were investigating. Goudy stated that Leonhart had known about this activity for more than two years and had done nothing about it. It was revealed that some agents engaged in the illegal activity had actually been given bonuses and were promoted during this time.

When asked why she had done nothing to stop the illegal activity by her agents, Leonhart stated that she had "no power or authority to discipline or fire anybody working for her," or words to that effect. Both Goudy and Judge Jeanine wondered why this woman still has her job.

Congressman Goudy said that his committee is also investigating former Secretary of State Clinton's use of a private e-mail server for all her private and State Department e-mail correspondence. He also stated that he intends to subpoena Ms. Clinton to testify before his committee, which should be an interesting encounter, if it actually comes to pass.

These incidents, along with the recent firing of the chair of the US Secret Service over security breaches in and near the White House, the collusion between the Justice Department and the IRS, the Benghazi disaster and Fast and Furious scandal all seem to me to be more evidence of incompetence, if not stupidity, in the Obama Administration. How can we be expected to have any confidence in the ability of this government to protect the American people?

Richard Grover
Mason

ATTEND 'HAVING THE CONVERSATION'

To the Editor:

Have you given thought to what you will want in terms of end-of-life care? Have you considered how to begin this conversation with family members? These are hard questions to think about, but thinking about them before a crisis occurs will make end-of-life issues far easier to deal with.

On Thursday, April 30, "To Your Health" will present a program called "End of Life Care: Having the Conversation" that will offer useful information on how to address these hard questions. Drawing on the book, "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End" by Atul Gawande, a panelist of healthcare experts will discuss how to begin this conversation with family members, how to talk with your doctor and other caregivers about what you want, and provide resources for you to use.

Whether you or a loved one are already facing serious terminal illness, or you just want to prepare yourself for this eventuality, we encourage you to attend this program at the West Parish Congregational Church downstairs dining hall from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on April 30. Light refreshments will be provided.

Jacquelyn Cressy

To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College

From the Bethel Town Manager

BY CHRISTINE M. LANDES

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel.

The Town of Bethel is still accepting applications for the Recreation Director position. (Please see the ad in this paper.) This position involves working with the public, the Recreation Committee and most importantly, the children of our community. I encourage anyone with interest to come into the office to obtain a job description. I would be happy to discuss the job details with any individual that may have a passion for sports and children.

I recently met with a couple of individuals interested in drafting an UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) policy for the Bethel Regional Airport. The FAA has not made an official ruling for this sort of activity, but we felt this was an important issue as many enthusiasts have taken this up as a hobby. This policy is a work in progress and will be presented to the Airport Authority in the near future. Please visit www.bethelregionalairport.com for more information.

The Route 2 bridge project is still on track as I have previously mentioned. The State of Maine DOT held a public informational meeting to inform interested parties of the plans moving forward. Approximately twelve people were present for the presentation. There is a map detailing the proposal hanging in the meeting room at the Town Office. Please stop by and take a look.

On April 15th, I traveled to Augusta with other area managers and concerned citizens in regards to LD1082. I offered testimony detailing the impact this bill would have on the Town of Bethel should it pass as written. If anyone is interested in reading the testimony I presented, and of others in attendance, you may access it at <http://legislature.maine.gov/bills/>. Just type in LD1082 and you will see the 127th Committee Testimony. Some thirty five statements were submitted. The Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs will be conducting a work session in the near future to decide if the bill should be amended, proceed on as written or die in committee. Look for updates on where the Town of Bethel and SAD 44 will stand in this situation.

There have been several requests for over-weight permits to travel on posted roads. Some time ago the Board of Selectmen voted to not issue any waivers for this issue. Please contact the Director of Public Works or the Town Office if you need clarification, to determine if a road is posted or to find out when the posting is proposed to be lifted.

As a reminder, the next installment of the 2015 taxes will be due on May 1, 2015. If there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

The Bethel Journals

Bryant's Market



Bryant's Store, 1931 Citizen Special Edition. Inset: Bryant family at start of new store construction on Main Street.
Bethel Historical Society

BY DONALD G. BENNETT

During summer vacations in the early 1940's, I enjoyed riding along in my grandfather's milk truck when Elmer Bennett, my uncle, delivered milk in the village and to stores. In those days Bryant's was not self service. Some customers would simply give Myron or whoever was at the counter their shopping list and watch as the clerking person gathered the goods. Dick and his sister Carolyn would often be in the store helping out.

Myron Bryant was owner, manager and meat cutter. There was a large walk-in cooler behind the meat counter for meat storage and any goods requiring refrigeration. In late summer months sometimes there would be a huge tuna fish hanging in the walk-in cooler if Myron had recently returned from a deep sea fishing trip.

The store's milk display case was to the left of the main door, which opened to the Main Street sidewalk. All milk was in glass bottles with a bottle deposit on each quart. When you returned empties you got a deposit return credit. While Elmer was taking care of business, I would slip out the back door and cross High Street to watch horses being shod at the blacksmith shop.

Chauncey C. Bryant came to Bethel from Woodstock when he was about 21 and began his meat business in 1876. His home, slaughter house and store house were on the Middle Intervale Road. Starting out after having worked for the Grand Trunk for about six months he had a partner named William Mason. At first Chauncey drove a meat cart for home delivery; he was also the first in Bethel to sell ice.

In February 1886 Bryant purchased a shop and lot from H.C. Barker on High Street. In October Bryant opened his meat and fish business from his new High Street store. From his High Street store Chauncey continued his meat cart home delivery. In the early 1900s, at the Locke Mountain House in Sunday River, breakfast lamb chops and other meats except chicken came from Chauncey Bryant's meat cart, which called at Miss Locke's twice a week.

Rolie Chapman wrote that in 1904, the two-and-a-half story building that is the most familiar Bryant's store image was built in the triangular shaped lot where Main and High Street merged, after the old building was moved to become Harry Brown's Bar-

ber Shop. All this occurred after Chauncey's son William joined his father in the business. Then in 1929 William Bryant's son Myron joined the business and the same year Bryant's Market began its affiliation with the I.G.A. chain.

During the 1940s after WW II, both Carolyn and Richard Bryant became steady part time, and for Richard (Dick) full time staff in the store before following his father as store manager. The store operation was changed to self-service. In 1950 Carolyn Bryant married John Forbes of Rumford. Richard married Barbara Wilson and they had one son, Gregory, who was born in 1953.

In 1963 after Harvey's Restaurant burned down leaving a vacant space across Main Street from Brooks Hardware Store, Doris Bryant (Myron Bryant died in 1961) purchased the lot allowing construction of a new masonry and brick build for Bryant's Market. Richard Bryant had been the family's store manager for a number of years at this time.

On June 25, 1964 Bethel Citizen news reported Bryant's new IGA store opened Wednesday; 88 years after the business started by Chauncey Bryant with a horse drawn meat cart, Bryant's IGA Food Store opened at its new location on Main Street Wednesday morning. Bryant's Market on the corner of Main and Mechanic Streets closed last Saturday, after many years in the same location. The store was established in that location sometime after 1876. Founded by Chauncey Bryant in 1876, successive proprietors of the business have been William Bryant, Myron Bryant and Richard Bryant. Four years later, January 1963, the Bryant family ended its connection with the local retail grocery business as Richard Bryant severed connection with the I.G.A.

In the '70s and '80s Richard Bryant managed a restaurant associated with the Spar Hawk Motel on the Shore Road in Ogunquit, and in winters he managed the Sunri ski rentals at Barker Mountain. Barbara worked with her sister, Dorothy York, at Martha's in Bethel.

Sources: Bethel News 1904, Special Illustrated Edition; 1931 Bethel Oxford County Citizen, Special Edition; Bethel Citizen 1963; 1964 and 1968. Bethel's Main Street Through History by Rosalind R. Chapman published in the Fall 1997 Bethel Courier of the Bethel Historical Society; "I Was A Summer Boarder," Ruth Crosby

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

10 years ago: About three dozen volunteers turned out to offer their labor in assembling new playground equipment for the Andover Elementary School.

Heavy rains left the Androscoggin River brimming, and had the crew building Bethel's recreational bridge scrambling to move their equipment out of the water's way.

Deaths: Mildred M. Tripe, Flora B. Everett, Lyanne D. Boivin, Sue L. Wight, Marice A. Richard.

20 years ago: Firefighters from Woodstock and Greenwood battled a three-mile-long string of brush fires ignited by a freight train along the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad right of way.

DeMarco Chiropractic was offering a special spring health introductory evaluation valued at \$125 for only \$25.

Deaths: Charles A. Smith, Margaret M. Merrill, Terri-Lynn M. Perry, Owen D. Boney, S. Louise Elliott, Ethel M. Nygren, Maxine C. Brown. 30 years ago: The Bethel Chamber of Commerce was looking into the feasibility of establishing a permanent office and offering a stipend to the executive director and secretary-treasurer.

Jeff Boyle was constructing a screened house in back of the Bethel House apartments as his Eagle Scout project. Birth: William Patrick Murphy.

Death: Walter G. Chapman. 40 years ago: Betty and Mal Jennings, former innkeepers at the Bethel Inn, purchased the Dana Place Inn, Jackson, N.H.

The Bethel G.O.P. announced that Diane Cross would be singing her folk songs during the social hour of their dinner at the Jackson Silver Post Hall.

Deaths: George H. Dunn, Stephen A. Richards, Celinda E. Dunn.

50 years ago: Patrick Grenier was appointed by the Board of Selectmen as Bethel's new night officer.

The Western Auto advertised a tire sale offering six sizes, whitewalls or blackwalls for \$14.95, including excise tax and mounting.

Births: Adam Kimball Stickney, Lorna Lee Carter.

Deaths: Edna Thomas, Mary Perham.

60 years ago: Laura Wilson was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for a year's study in England.

Mrs. Marah Webster and Miss Mina Stevens bought the Francis Noyes house on Vernon Street.

Births: Alvin Lewis Gross, Keith Edward and Karen Elaine Holt, Carol Ann Keddy, Randal Keith Emery, Joseph Annichiarico.

Deaths: Elsie Trask, Mary C. Wilson.

70 years ago: Ida Packard received her appointment as postmaster of the Bethel Post Office.

George A. Mundt Post, American Legion purchased the Young store building on upper Main Street for a Legion Home. (Now a parking lot next to the Wiley Block).

Deaths: Annie R. Craig, Cora S. Brown, R. Thomas Flavin.

80 years ago: The annual sugar eat and dance was held at the Bear River Grange Hall, April 26.

Work was scheduled to start on the completion of the new road toward Locke's Mills from Bethel.

Bethel's tax rate for 1935 was fixed at .045.

Births: David Dwight Martinson, Clara Belle Foster, Gailey Ann Brooks, Clyde James Knights, Jr., Corrine Eleanor Womenchuck.

Death: Mrs. Rena Lane.

90 years ago: The ladies of the Andover Farm Bureau held their school of dressmaking with Miss Cobb, Clothing Demonstrator, as instructor.

The first annual gymnastum exhibition of the work of Gould Academy's physical training classes took place in William Bingham Gymnasium.

Death: Francis B. Tuell, Mrs. Rosilla Howe Bean, Edward Martin, Mrs. Mildred Louise Donahue, Edward LeRoy Goode.

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The Bethel Family Health Center.

A. Aloisio

consequences for Maine's FQHCs and the patients they serve. Many of the individuals impacted by these two policy decisions are patients of the FQHCs. When they lost MaineCare and became uninsured, the FQHCs simultaneously lost the fair rate of reimbursement for providing care to them.

"As you know, the FQHCs serve all individuals in their service areas, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. They don't have the ability to pick and choose which patients they will see to help manage their budgets. If we choose not to support the FQHCs and some of them are eventually forced to close, their patients will end up in the Emergency Departments across Maine driving up the cost of health care."

Also testifying was HealthReach Community Health Centers' President/CEO Connie Coggins. The BFHC is a member of HealthReach.

She said LD 969 "would help some of our members prevent reductions or eliminations of services that our communities have come to depend on."

State Rep. Fran Head (R-Bethel) is a member of the Health and Human Services Committee. In the committee's April 16 vote on a recommendation for LD 969 to

the full Legislature, Head voted "ought to pass."

Said Head, "Community Health Centers provide affordable access to primary care, behavioral and dental health services to families all over Maine. While I am proud of the work of these providers, there are still too many uninsured and underinsured patients who will benefit from expanded services—and that is why I supported LD 969."

"It is also worth pointing out that health centers, like the one here in Bethel, provide jobs with benefits for the area. I believe that passage of this bill will lay the foundation we need to prioritize rural access to high quality medical services."

That drew praise from Coggins:

"This important legislation will help to strengthen and support our local Community Health Center so that we can continue to provide the high quality, comprehensive primary care services that our patients and the residents of the Bethel area depend on. Representative Head understands and appreciates the critical role we play in the local economy and in providing affordable access to patient-centered health care to anyone who walks through our doors. We thank her for her leadership in voting in favor of this bill."

Newry

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As a result, she said, this current stretch of the year is lean on cash flow.

She said her research into what other Maine towns use for a fiscal year has shown most have switched to July 1. She also said some towns send out two tax bills a year, something Newry could consider.

Resident Bob Lowell said a switch "would help the town immensely tax flow wise."

The officials decided to put the question on the agenda for the next board meeting.

ROADS

In other business at Tuesday's board meeting, Wight and Largess appointed Tink Conkright, Bruce Pierce, Jim Sysko, Alan Fleet and Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney to a new volunteer Roads Advisory Committee that will review plans relating to roads maintenance in upcoming years.

As for the duration of the committee appointments, Largess suggested having the committee discuss it when they first meet and provide a recommendation to selectmen.

He said it might be wise to have the group stay together for a relatively long term. "Having history and continuity can be a challenge," he said.

In other roads-related business, the board discussed with contractor Doug Jones of Cross Excavation the meaning of a recent Request for Proposals the town put out for a three-year road maintenance contract. Newry has previously done winter and summer roads maintenance contracts separately. Cross has recently had the contract for winter maintenance.

Jones said the wording for the winter portion for the new contract sounded as though the intent is to increase the amount of salt the

roads in the winter, a proposition that he said would be expensive. But the town officials said the intent is for the contractor to use more salt if needed to accomplish the job.

Jones also asked if the board wanted the bids for the winter to be fixed amounts, or by the hours of work put in. Largess requested both, so the board will have options. Bids are due May 5.

Because the three-year contract concept is a new one, the board has called a special Town Meeting for May 19 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office to approve the contract they recommend. Powers said future contracts after that will not require a Town Meeting.

Selectmen also discussed a request from the local access TV station to approve its bylaws. Resident Brooks Morton, who serves on the station committee, wondered about such a process. He noted that bylaws are usually approved by the organization that uses them.

Largess said it didn't seem like the town would have authority over the station. Lowell suggested consulting the town attorney.

Area towns pay all or part of the franchise fee they receive from the cable company to the station to help it operate. But, Powers said, Newry only pays a portion because not all of the town is able to get cable service.

In other business Powers said the Maine Department of Education has granted a request from the Newry Withdrawal Committee to extend the due date for submitting a withdrawal agreement with SAD 44 to June 15. The committee is currently negotiating with the school district.

Selectmen also appointed Wendy Polanski to the Planning Board. Another member is still needed.

LD 1082

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Local officials wait for the public hearing on LD 1082 to start last Wednesday. From left are Newry Town Administrator Loretta Powers, Bethel Town Manager Christine Landes, Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield and SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy. Entering the room in the background is state Rep. Fran Head.

C. Newell

weighted votes on the SAD 6 School Board because representation is set by student population, which for Frye Island is zero. The island is located in Sebago Lake.

Residents of other towns in SAD 6 said at the hearing they are worried that with a change in the local funding formula Buxton, a town of 8,000, would see an increase in its school share of \$400,000; Hollis, with 4,200 residents, an increase of \$170,000; and Limington, with 3,700 people, an increase of \$230,000.

On the SAD 44 side of the testimony, only Tama Drown of Newry spoke in favor of LD 1082, citing Newry's 68 percent share of the school budget and relatively small voting representation on the School Board. (Interested parties could also simply submit written testimony on the bill without speaking.)

A half dozen people from SAD 44 towns spoke against the bill or at least to remove SAD 44 from it, citing projected increases to the school budget share of \$1.6 million for Bethel, \$697,000 for Woodstock and \$59,000 for Greenwood if the bill passes. For

Bethel and Woodstock those increases in a single year would be about 60 percent, according to Supt. Dave Murphy.

Other local residents testifying said Newry taxpayers have the best mill rate in SAD 44.

Among those speaking were Maxfield, Bethel Town Manager Christine Landes, Woodstock SAD 44 School Director Marcel Polak, Murphy, Steve Wight of Newry and Cathy Newell of Greenwood.

Many of the Frye Island/SAD 6 taxpayers spoke first. Maxfield was the first from SAD 44 to speak in opposition to the bill, and prefaced his remarks with an observation that the two situations seem very different.

A work session was expected to be scheduled in the near future for the committee to evaluate the testimony and other information, and move toward making a recommendation on the bill for the Legislature. For texts of all the written testimony submitted on the bill go to: <http://legislature.maine.gov/bills/testimony.html?num=127&PID=0#>.

Greenwood

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Greenwood's Town Hall on Main Street, slated to be improved as a performing arts center in the proposed 'Arts District.'

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pansion plans; snowmaking trail expansion to make the mountain more competitive with "the other larger local ski areas; a new dedicated race arena; a new snowmaking pond.

Also targeted by Greenwood is village housing and working with the village mill owner to "find a future for the property given its present condition; jobs are a priority, but cleaning the sites and establishing a viable future for the property are critical. Options vary because of location and the beauty of the site. Further decline in the site is an issue. One solid building remains, the rest is a tear down... EPA fund are appropriate. The one good building highest and best use and an artisan's incubator, time should be spent, given ownership, in developing that

interest."

Those at the hearing asked a few questions, but there was little comment.

Selectman Amy Chapman said the TIF process gave the committee developing the proposal the opportunity to take a broad view of the town "that we don't generally have."

The hearing concluded after 30 minutes.

Books

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what they had learned into practice to stitch together their own signatures and text blocks.

They applied endpages to the finished text blocks and trimmed the edges with a utility knife to make them even.

At next week's final session of the class, they will cut the board for their books' covers to size, cover them with fabric or paper, and apply them to complete the books.

Each of the four class members received a book press that Beeko had made using plywood, bolts, and wing nuts. The book is placed in the press to dry after each step of the gluing process.

Participants also received a kit containing the materials needed to create a blank book, including strong thread for hand-stitching the signatures, heavy paper for the endpages, special

board for making the cover, and a bottle of PVA glue.

They provided their own pages to create a blank book, or, as in the case of class member Ruth Barrett, to bind their own writing into a unique keepsake.

Barrett has been a member of the WMSC creative writing class, taught by Suzanne Taylor, for several years.

Prior to that, she took a memoir-writing class from the late Gwyneth Bohr, and has continued to work on writing her memoirs, both independently and as part of a writing group.

Before taking writing classes through WMSC, Barrett said, "I'd never really written before, although people did always say I wrote lovely letters. I still write letters, even though I do have email."

"I had never written poetry before, and one time when I read aloud some-

thing I'd written, Suzanne told me, 'You know, that would make a lovely poem.' And I went home and wrote a poem."

Now, she said, she has about 15 essays and several poems that she plans to include in a small leather-bound book she is creating during the bookbinding class. Another, larger format book will hold her memoirs.

Class member Bonnie Pooley said signing up for the bookbinding class was "a pure whim on my part."

Like Barrett, Pooley is also a member of the mem-

oir-writing group that began several years ago as a WMSC class and has continued independently.

Over the years, she has accumulated a store of her own writings she is eager to bind into books.

"I've got so much writing that I feel good about," she said, adding that she also envisions binding books of photos or collections of quotes.

"I have always wondered how books are made. This has opened up for me a whole world of little books I'd like to make."

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Briefly

Selectmen approve Hall floor work

ANDOVER-Selectmen unanimously voted Tuesday night to allow the Town Hall Restoration Committee to refinish the hall's upstairs floors. Committee Chairman and Selectman Jim Adler said the committee received money from the Knights of Pythias to do the work. In other business, Ross Swain of Andover and the Ellis Pond Watershed Survey Committee gave the board a copy of their report and thanked the town for donating money for their work. Roxbury townspeople also donated money at town meeting. Selectmen also unanimously voted to hire David Dolloff as a call-in attendant at the town transfer station at minimum wage; approved contractor and purchase policies; tabled for review a freedom of information policy after Adler said he would draft fees for such requests; tabled a consent policy drafted by the town attorney on a legal matter until the board has financial figures in hand. - T. Karkos, Sun Media

County extends Bethel police coverage

PARIS-County officials agreed Tuesday to extend police coverage for Bethel for another year with no increase in cost. County commissioners approved a new contract Tuesday morning for \$295,000 to cover the salaries and equipment for three full-time deputies to provide 24-hour coverage for the next 12 months. It's the same amount paid the past three years. The contract allows either the town or the county to opt out of the agreement for any reason with a 60-day notice. It also shifts the cost of maintaining an office for the deputies from the town to the county, which runs about \$6,000 annually, according to county Administrator Scott Cole. The previous contract was for three years. Sheriff Wayne Gallant said the one-year contract allows both parties to reassess costs annually. - C. Crosby, Sun Media

Newry planners approve Merrill Hill subdivision

BY TERRY KARKOS, SUN MEDIA

After working through remaining questions last Wednesday, the Newry Planning Board approved a new subdivision plan for Merrill Hill Estates.

It is an 88-home subdivision initially approved in 2005 to be built in eight phases as the single-family home lots were sold. Merrill Hill is a 460-acre parcel that runs along Sunday River to the peak of Merrill Hill.

It was also approved by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Newry's approved plan was revised in 2007 to include a phasing schedule documenting three phases as complete. Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney said another phase was also complete. The revision was approved.

However, Newry's revised and approved subdivision application later expired, so Meador had to reapply in March for roughly 44 lots in phases four through seven.

Wednesday night's questions pertained to road access for certain lots shown on the new plan. At the board's April 1 meeting,

Planning Board Chairman Doug Webster asked Merrill Hill Estates project engineer Joe Aloisio to return with a new map of the remaining phases.

After handing out copies to each board member, Aloisio said he noted on the plan the less-hazardous roads that lot driveways would access. Bonney asked Aloisio to indicate on the map several lot numbers and their access roads for driveways. The roads are named after minerals.

"Lot 12 will be off Garnet, but Lot 14, I honestly don't know which will be the less-hazardous road," Aloisio said. "It depends on where (the buyer) places their home on that lot. Lot 15 will have to come off on Garnet."

He said Lot 29's driveway can come off Amethyst, as can Lot 23's, but he said that isn't as simple as Lot 29. Aloisio said it may come off Aquamarine.

Answering a board question, Merrill Hill Estates owner Kathleen Meador said homes must meet a minimum size of 2,400 square feet. Aloisio said each lot was more than an acre.

"They're nothing less than 2 acres big," Meador said.

School Board hears Region 9 presentation

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Region 9 School of Applied Technology Director Brenda Gammon, Truck Driving Instructor Ed Naples, and several Region 9 students attended last week's School Board meeting to present an update on programs at the school.

Gammon told the board that 15 Region 9 students attended the SkillsUSA Maine Championships this year. They brought home 11 medals, including a silver medal in the Fire Science competition.

SkillsUSA is an annual state-level competition for high school and college students enrolled in trade, technical, and skilled service instructional programs. The Maine Championships were held last month in Bangor.

Fire Science student Maggie Bergeron described what she has been learning in the Fire Science program, and said she appreciated the variety of information and skills she has been taught by instructor Jon Longley.

"He likes to teach us hands-on stuff, as well as book stuff," she said, adding that the class has been trained to respond to all types of calls, including car crashes and other emergency scenes, not just to fires.

"It's really a cool program, and I'm glad I signed up for it," Bergeron said.

Thomas Wright is a second-year student in the Building Construction program and said that deciding to enroll was one of the best decisions he had ever made.

"It helped me get a job, my first job ever, during the summer, doing construction," he said. "It has taught me basic framing and basic construction work, and some insulation work."

Wright said he has learned how to read blueprints, and because of the variety of skills taught in the Region 9 program, he is "one step closer" to having the credentials he will need for his chosen career. He plans to attend college to work in the field of plumbing, heating, and air conditioning, he said.

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Cyle Marriott is enrolled in the Commercial Drivers License program and has already earned his Class B license. He said he had decided to continue on for his Class A license, which will allow him to drive tractor-trailer trucks following his graduation from Telstar this spring.

Commercial Drivers License program instructor Ed Naples told the School Board that in his three decades as an instructor, he has trained about 160 Telstar students to drive trucks.

He listed some of the companies that have employed Region 9 graduates as truck drivers, including Cross Excavation, D.A. Wilson, Walmart, Richard Carrier, Schneider, P.H. Chadbourne, Bancroft Contracting Corp., Currier, and the Town of Bethel. In addition, he said, some of his former students have gone on to purchase their own trucks and become self-employed. Maine is unusual, Naples

said, in that it offers truck driving courses at the high school level, while most states train truck drivers at the community college level.

Two years ago, a federal law was passed that set a minimum age of 18 for obtaining a permit to pursue a commercial license. Representatives of Maine's technical high schools worked with Sen. Susan Collins and were successful in obtaining an exemption to the federal law that allowed them to continue to offer the Commercial Drivers License program.

Naples said the 2015 Maine High School Truck Driving Championships were slated to be held later that week at the Augusta Civic Center. Students from the four Maine technical schools that offer truck driving courses compete in the rodeo-style competition. They also have an opportunity to meet with representatives of companies who hire truck drivers and obtain information about applying for jobs once they receive their licenses.

Former CIA officer leads local dialogue on America

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

About 20 people recently participated in a spirited discussion about current issues in American society at a Brown Bag Lunch sponsored by the Western Mountains Senior College.

Held at the Bethel Inn's library and open to the public, the Brown Bag Lunch series offers a forum for an exchange of ideas on a particular topic.

The facilitator for the discussion was Ed Knox of Brunswick, a retired CIA officer, former history professor, and author of The New Eastern Question.

During his 26-year career with the CIA, Knox lived and worked in Jordan, Ivory Coast, Cyprus, Japan, and England.

The dialogue used several questions supplied by Knox as a jumping-off point to discuss how our feelings about American society, education, and government have changed since the middle of the 20th century.

What made America great? When did we begin to fear each other and the rest of the world? When did we last feel good as a nation and about ourselves? Why have we lost faith in education, infrastructure, and government? "Today, in 2015, some things are different than at



Ed Knox of Brunswick led a recent Brown Bag Lunch Discussion at the Bethel Inn. Here, Mary Haberman, Lee Smith, and Kathleen DeVore listen as Alice Tweedie and Larry Engdahl debate an issue.

A. Wight Chapman

any time during my life, and they cause me some discomfort," Knox said.

"One of them is how shaky our national feeling is about ourselves, and how the media can often terrorize us with what's happening."

We have less faith in our longstanding institutions, he said, asking, "Is there a social compact among us that we're all together, and we face these problems in common, and share them, or are we shifting into some new paradigm?"

Knox said his experiences while living in other parts of the world allowed him to observe how different types of

government work, how people in other countries solve problems, and how safe they perceive themselves to be.

In Jordan, for example, he said, "We lived in a nice little, safe dictatorship. We had a king in Jordan, and there was order in Jordan. It was not oppressive, but the police were disciplined. It was a safe place to live."

"There are a lot of people in our country who are not safe," said Kathleen DeVore of Bethel. "If you are a poor, uneducated, disenfranchised African-American male, in many parts of our

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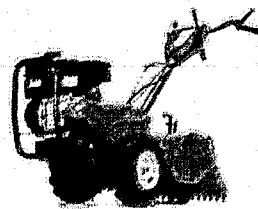
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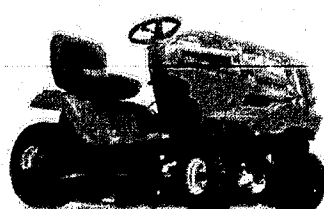
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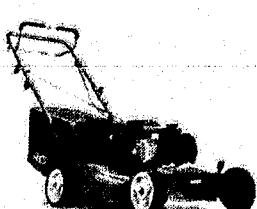
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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD



For several years I have had a battle with the woodchucks who have declared my back yard to be their residential territory. They didn't ask me; they just moved in unannounced.

If just living in the little hillside that abuts my back yard was their only intent I would have no quarrel with them.

Unfortunately, my resident woodchucks have chosen my flower gardens to be their favorite buffet restaurant. All you can eat; free of charge; no tipping required. It is usually in early April when they emerge from their long winter's slumber and I would guess sporting a tremendous appetite. It is also in early April when my spring flowers are starting to emerge from their long winter's slumber.

As those tender little shoots start popping up through the cold soil it's almost as if someone rang a dinner bell and the woodchucks come running to belly up to the perennial beds.

I have a bit of a love/hate relationship with the little rodents because I think they're actually pretty cute. One year I even watched a mother and her two babies run around my back yard and thought they look so cute and cuddly.

Then I watched the mother and her two babies feast on my beautiful and delicate bleeding hearts. I cer-

tainly didn't think that was very cute and cuddling them was definitely not on my mind.

Another year a woodchuck and I became somewhat friendly with each other as long as we both kept our distance. I even gave this little guy a name...

"Woody"...so original. "Woody" spent a lot of time sitting on the steps

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to my side porch where he was rarely disturbed. I'm sure he helped himself to some of my tender plants, but I never saw any evidence of it and the only flowers I ever saw him eat were dandelions in the back yard and I encouraged that diet.

My grill was next to the porch and whenever I would cook on it "Woody" would sit on the steps and chatter at me and I would chatter back. Though I don't speak woodchuck he seemed quite interested in what I had to say. At least he appeared to be listening, which is more than I can

say for my husband.

Other years, in fact most years, I had no friends in the groundhog community. They would eat my flowers and I would shoo them away sometimes using language that would make a sailor blush.

Just as I consider robins as a true sign that spring is really here I also see the woodchucks in the same light. So far this year I have not seen a single woodchuck. They are usually out and about by now.

I'd like to think that they moved to another home where the homeowner isn't quite as shrill and has better language skills than I; however I doubt that that is the case.

What I really suspect is that winter was so harsh that they had to burrow deeper and they're still sleeping. Because of the harsh winter the spring flowers are a bit slow this year too, but when they shoot up a bit more it will send a signal to the woodchucks that it's chow time.

I'm not going to be too concerned about the little rodents because I know they'll be back. I wouldn't even mind having them around if they were all as friendly and "Woody" and preferred dandelions, but the way I see it if I catch them in my flower gardens they better cover their little ears because my language skills will go right to h***!

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country, you are not safe." Claudia Knox agreed, and added, "When you are safe, you don't always perceive the reality of those who are not."

She said that reports of police actions against minorities in the United States over the past year had been "utterly traumatizing" to her.

Alice Tweedie of Rumford said that she feared for the loss of personal freedoms. "I think that the government, more and more, is controlled by corporate money, and that we have less and less power. So in that way, I don't feel as safe."

"We lack an understanding of how evolutionary the democratic process is within this country," said Larry Engdahl of Bethel. "In looking at it over the years, one freedom after another gets released."

He said one of the first freedoms to be gained was religious freedom, a concept that did not begin with the early colonists, but was affirmed with the passage of the Constitution.

Engdahl also pointed out that the U.S. did not get rid of slavery, except by force.

"Legally, we danced around it for 80 years of our existence as a nation," he said, adding, "Every freedom we think we have, we're still struggling with."

"We're constantly evolving. We're dragging somebody along and shaking them, and saying, 'You've got to look at it this way.'"

Engdahl cited Indiana Gov. Mike Pence's pledge to amend his state's newly enacted religious freedom law in order to prevent it from being used to discriminate against gays and lesbians as one example of how people are pressured by popular sentiment to modify their views.

Tineke Ouwinga of Bethel agreed with Knox that the media frequently employs fear-mongering tactics.

"Fear is being used, no matter what we do," she said. "If you listen to the media, if there is something positive, immediately a question mark is put by it. But, but, but, this could happen, and that could happen."

As an immigrant herself, Ouwinga said she still feels idealism.

"I still have that feeling that all of us, together as a country, can make it. But it's being undermined by fear, by the lack of trust."

Sometimes it can be a common enemy that brings the country together, said Bonnie Pooley of Bethel, citing the way Americans came together in the face of World Wars I and II.

"Climate change is that kind of enemy," she said. Although it has not yet come to be universally perceived as a threat, "maybe it will become such a threat that it will bring us humans together to try to do something."

At the conclusion of the discussion, Marlene Engdahl of Bethel asked Knox, "From your experience, and living around the world, are you optimistic about America?"

"I see a lot of good people," Knox replied. "And a group like this gives me some hope and optimism, because everybody seems to be engaging and thinking about these things."

On the other hand, he said, "I spent a long time supporting American foreign policy, and involved in intelligence, and I'm not very happy about where we're going. I consider it failing."

Since the end of the Cold War, he said, Americans are seeing the birth of a new world order.

"Unfortunately, our response so far is to become more violent, and I think that this rebounds on us. So I'm very unhappy about our entire attitude."

"I hope we make a deal with Iran," he added. "That could be a huge changer, if we can bury our differences with Iran and make a deal."

The next Brown Bag Lunch Discussion, to be held on May 5, will center on local foods initiatives, and will be facilitated by Amanda Moran of the Edible Bethel project and Meryl Kelly of the Local Food Connection. For more information, email nancydavis@megalink.net or call 381-1110.

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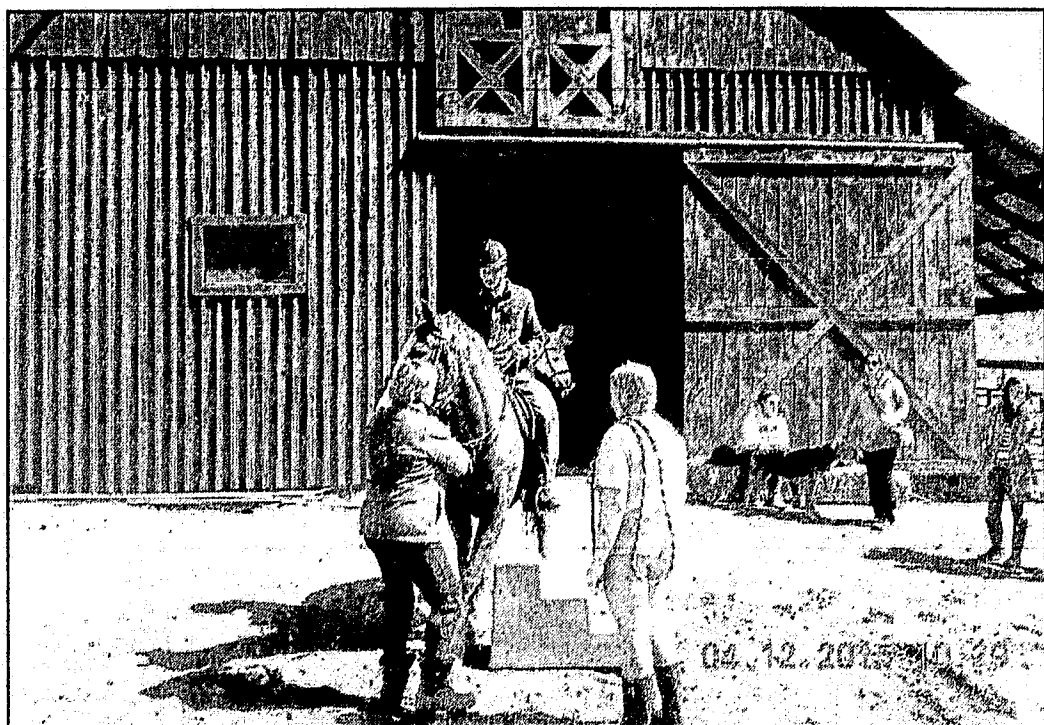
By Nancy Brown



As much as I love winter, I finally hung up my snowshoes for the season. There are a few patches of snow left beside the road and in the woods, but spring was inevitable. I love the part of spring when the first wild flowers push up through the mud. Every year since the fifth grade, I have kept a list of when and where I find each new wildflower of the spring. I found my first bluet on Sunday, April 20. They are a few days later than usual, but it was a record-breaking snowy winter. The first lupine leaves are up. My chives and tarragon survived the winter. Around Bethel, daffodils and crocus are blossoming. I haven't heard peepers yet, but Maine Audubon says they should be out within the week.

On Wednesday, April 15, my mother and I went to Lake Umbagog. The "thin ice" sign was posted at Sargent's Cove and there was open water along the shore, but there was still one lone kite skier taking advantage of the high winds on the lake.

The final film in the Civil War series will be tomorrow night, Friday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. The movie is Cold Mountain, a 2003 film based on the bestselling novel of the same name by Charles Frazier. It stars Nicole Kidman, Jude Law, and Renee Zell-



UMF RIDERS-Sixteen students from the University of Maine Farmington recently came to Deepwood Farm in Albany on a warm spring day for a group trail ride with DIAnne Ward. Submitted photo

weger, who won an Academy Award for her role. Critics loved this movie. Richard Corliss, the film critic for Time, called it "A grand and poignant movie epic about what is lost in war and what's worth saving in life. It is also a rare blend of purity and maturity - the year's most rapturous love story." If you are a fan of traditional folk music, this is a must see. The movie features a rare look at "shape-note" music, a cappella form of folk hymn singing that dates back to colonial times. Also known as Sacred Harp music, printed shapes are used to help untrained singers read the music. "Harp" refers to the most-used song

book, "The Sacred Harp," published in 1844. The film series, which concludes with Cold Mountain, is part of the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War," a community project sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society, the Bethel Library, and Gould Academy. The program is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and was awarded by the Maine Historical Society and the Maine Humanities Council.

I was saddened to learn of the death of Bill Eames last week. Bill was a 1968 graduate of Gould Academy. Throughout my school days at Crescent Park School and Gould, Bill was the consum-

mate upperclassman. He always had a word or two for a younger student. I remember him best in Gould's Drama Club productions; playing the lovable Bob Cratchit in A Christmas Carol and a very believable Walter Mitty. My thoughts are with his family and friends.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel



By Wally Ritz
This sure has been a nice week. Spring has arrived for sure and it certainly is nice to

Notes from the Gilead selectmen's meeting

April 8, 2015
The Board of Selectmen met at 6 p.m. at the Town Office on April 8. Officers present were: The three Selectmen-Jeremy Morin, Steve McLain, Alfred Leighton; Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters, Linsley Chapman; Tax Collector/Admin. Asst., Judy Perrille. Public present: Lise McLain (also a member of the school board and planning board).

Treasurer Warrants were reviewed. Vote was taken to approve payment of the bills listed on the warrant. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Jeremy Morin was elected chairman. Mr. McLain nominated and Mr. Leighton seconded. All in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Taxpayer's request about the amount of the valuation on a piece of property that is owned by them. An appraisal done for the property by the taxpayer was less than what the town has the property valued at for the 2014 taxes. Result: The selectmen decided to have the administrative assistant forward copies of the information presented to them to John E. O'Donnell Associates, the company who handles assessing for the town. They would determine if there is an abatement due for 2014 and an adjustment for 2015.

Discussion Regarding: Assessors return for payment of the county tax. Result: The selectmen reviewed the paperwork. Vote: To sign the Assessors Return and submit it with the payment to the Oxford county treasurer. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Appointments. Result: The selectmen appointed the following people to fill vacancies due to their terms (3 year terms) ending: Planning Board, Paul Handlen; Code Enforcement Officer, Lise McLain; Plumbing Inspector, Virgil Conkright and Asst. Fire Chief, Fabian Coriveau, Sr. Vote: To accept appointments presented. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Abatement for Verizon for 2014 real estate tax in the amount of \$135.36. Result: The selectmen reviewed the paperwork that supported the necessity to do the abatement. Verizon no longer owns the property and that the State of Maine is the current owner. Vote: To sign abatement. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Town audit for the 2014 year. Result: Mrs. Chapman will check with the auditor and find when he

would be able to accept the material to do the audit. Discussion Regarding: Cemetery Plots requested in the Lary South Cemetery. Result: The selectmen consulted the cemetery map and determined that the lots requested were available. Vote: To issue lots to the individual requesting them. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Note to Gilead Residents: There are lots available in the Lary South Cemetery. Please stop by the Town Office if you are planning on reserving a lot. Paperwork with names of who the lots are reserved for can be filled out and presented to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. The paperwork is necessary so the town can keep track of what lots are available.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. Vote: All three selectmen voted in favor. (Linsley Chapman, Town Clerk, is writer of these notes from the meeting.)

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, April 14

At 7:09 p.m. a caller on Mayville Road in Bethel reported the theft of a Kindle. Sgt. Matt Baker was assigned.

Thursday, April 16

At 5:57 p.m. detectives arrested George Otis Hayes in Bethel reference a gross sexual assault investigation.

Friday, April 17

At 5:56 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham did a traffic stop on Mayville Road in Bethel. The driver was summonsed for operating after suspension.

At 5:38 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco spoke to a subject in Bethel about an ongoing issue in Bethel. Other deputies were made aware of the situation.

Saturday, April 18

At 8:54 a.m. a subject in Gilead reported harassment: Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

Sunday, April 19

At 2:24 p.m. a caller reported finding a hypodermic needle on Greenwood Road in Greenwood. Cpl. Justin Brown properly disposed of it.

At 4:48 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer responded to the West Bethel Road in Bethel for a report of a road rage incident. The suspect vehicle was stopped. The driver said the complainant was driving erratically and following too close. The subjects were warned.

At 11:42 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham contacted a subject in Bethel regarding a harassment complaint. An attempt to contact the other party failed.

OCSD Jail Log

April 17, 5:36 p.m.: Levi G. Hill, 23, of Bethel, aggravated assault, domestic assault, criminal threatening; by Lt. Tom Harriman in Bethel.

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Here is the new Trivia: What was unusual in April 1945 in the area?

Please, do call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com. Let's think positive about the rain in the forecast, for "April showers bring May flowers."

Have a great week.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Today, Thursday, April 23 at 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library will have a program. Gary Gallant from Rumford will demonstrate making wooden pens. He will also have some wooden pens to show. The public is welcome at no charge and there will be light refreshments.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DU-VCW met at the Grange Hall for a regular meeting. Plans for Memorial Day were discussed as was what to do for the 200th celebration of the town and the setting of the monument and new flag pole. President Vicky read about the beginning of the Civil War with the surrender of Fort Sumter in 1861. Twenty-two calls were reported. Marybeth filled in as guide for the evening. Next meeting is May 11 at the Grange Hall. It was good to see Sally Sawyer back again. Sympathy is extended to Marcel Polak and family for the loss of his mother.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, May 7 at the Locke's Mills Church with dinner by the Ladies Circle and program by Valerie Billings.

Franklin Grange will meet on May 4 at the Grange Hall for a meeting. Don't forget the Mock Hee-Haw Show at the Grange Hall on Saturday, May 2 at 7 p.m. Lots of good music, refreshments on sale and door prizes.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for

guys 15 and up.

Larry Billings says he thinks the Woodstock Historical Society has a bright future.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



The weather the past few days has made it possible to turn down the heat and open a couple of windows during the day. The fresh air seems nice.

My brother, Steve McLain, has switched from snowplows to lawnmowers. The threat of snow has passed (hopefully). Now it is time to start spring cleanup.

There have not been many new bird sightings at the feeder this past week. I did hear a Phoebe the other day, but did not see it. The little birds show up in the morning and late afternoon to feed.

The little chipmunk comes out as soon as the sun makes it warm enough to sit on the porch railing. He/she likes to look toward the window and appears to be looking for a handout.

Last week, Tim Chapman, Michele Croteau and the children, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney, went to Key Largo, Fla. While they were in Florida, they got married! The background for the wedding on the beach was a beautiful sunset. All four children were attendants for their parents. Annie and Sidney wore blue and white flowered dresses that matched the shirts of William and Ajay. Chris and Kym Chapman, along with Mariyah Boss, traveled from Papillion, Neb. to attend the wedding. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Chapman! We are so happy for all of them.

While the Chapman family was in Florida, Hugh and I had Chloe, the family pet, as a guest. As always, she misses them, but is the perfect house guest as long as she has her blanket and pillow on the sofa.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

There is more open water around the edges and outlets of the lakes every day, and quite a bit near the Newells' house on Johnny's Bridge Road, where kayakers have already been

seen. Charlie thinks the ice may go out of North Pond on Wednesday, so it may be gone by the time you read this.

Cathy Newell reports that a pair of loons returned to the pond early on Sunday morning. Later that same day, I heard them calling from across the pond as my dog and I were walking on the Mann Road on the east shore. It's always nice to hear the first loon call of the year.

After such a cold March, I thought it would be a long time before things started to dry out, but we were able to rake our yard as soon as most of the snow melted, and Tony has already been able to till two of our three garden beds.

I decided not to start any seedlings this year, since I don't really have a good spot where the cats won't eat them, and I seem to get better results when I buy nice sturdy ones from those who are in the business of growing them. Last year the tomato plants I bought from Nick at Northern Roots were prolific, and the fruit was delicious. Northern Roots also sells Fedco seeds, which do very well in our climate. I'll be heading over to get some carrot seeds soon, as I can get those planted early in our two raised beds.

Congratulations to Local Hub owners Michelle Delulio and Dara Turgeon for being chosen for the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year Award! It's quite an honor, and very well deserved.

Speaking of the Local Hub, the Greenwood board of selectmen recently approved their application for an on-premise license to serve beer and wine. Dara and Michelle will be closing the store for a couple of days at the end of April to complete renovations to make the area where beer and wine is sold for take-out and the area where it can be consumed on the premises separate, as required by state regulations.

The Chamber of Commerce will also present a posthumous Special Recognition Award to Wayne Hakala at their annual Awards Dinner and Silent Auction on May 15.

In case anyone is wondering what's up with the large, ancient Army tent that has been pitched in the middle of our front yard, you'll have to ask Tony, not me. I was minding my own business at the computer one day last week when I looked out the window and saw that he had de-

cided to haul it out of the barn and put it up. I believe it may be of World War II vintage. It had been stored in our barn for over a decade, and at a neighbor's camp for probably close to 50 years before that.

Undeterred by the lack of any of the original tentpoles, Tony cut some cedar posts to length for upright poles and split some longer cedars down the middle to make ridgepoles. Today I noticed that he's using it to store the rototiller, which I fear means it's here to stay for a while. Something else to mow around.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of

Carol Jordan, who was loved so much by so many.

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By Richard Grover

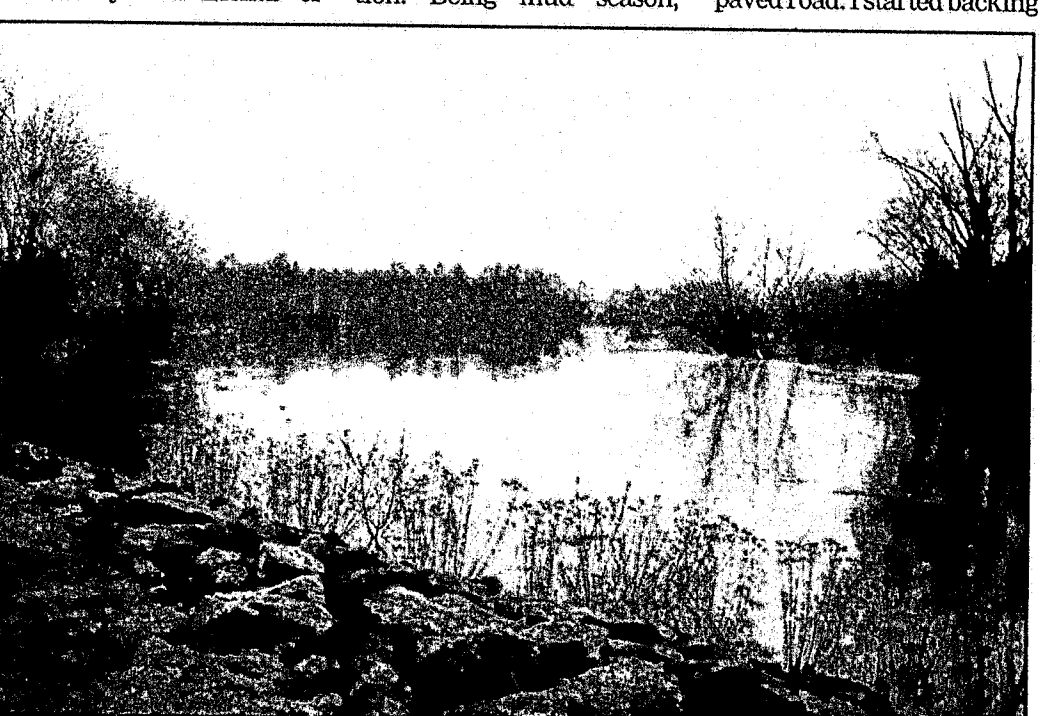
Mona and I went to Tracy and Monica Gordon's on Monday, April 13 to celebrate Boston's 15th birthday. The Gordons live on Hunt's Corner road just a short distance this side of the pipeline pumping station. Being mud season,



DRIVING DAM, SUNDAY RIVER- This photo from the Bethel Historical Society was taken about 1900 and shows one of several driving dams in Riley Plantation ("Ketchum") constructed on tributaries of the Sunday River. After paper mills were built in Rumford, Jay and other towns along the Androscoggin, a ready market for pulp wood developed and extensive acreage in the higher valleys around Bethel was cut over to provide this raw material.

their driveway is quite muddy. As we approached their driveway, I saw the mud and wanted to drive past and park along the side of the road, but two vehicles were close behind me, so I decided to turn in to avoid possibly getting rear-ended on the road. The mud wasn't bad on the left side of the driveway, so I parked there. After we arrived, Monica arrived in her car followed by Carrie and Neal in their car, both of which parked behind us.

Later, as we prepared to leave, Monica and Neal/Carrie pulled ahead of our car so we could back, back to the paved road. I started backing



FULL, BUT NOT OVERFLOWING-On Tuesday morning, as the rain ended, the Androscoggin River near Davis Park in Bethel was climbing its banks but not spilling over them. With the rain and melting snow, a flood watch had been issued for the region.

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slowly in order to make sure not to hit Jane's car parked at the end of the driveway on the edge of the pavement. As I backed up, the right tire sank into a shallow hole and started spinning. I was stuck! Several people came out and tried to push us backward, but the right front tire continued to spin (I think because we had front wheel drive the pushers lifted the front slightly, reducing traction). I decided to call AAA for a tow job before we got in any deeper. Carrie and Neal couldn't get out until we moved our car!

When the tow truck arrived about an hour later, I asked the driver if he would stay after he got our car out in case Neal had trouble. He agreed to do that, as Carrie and Neal also had AAA coverage. The tow truck pulled us out with no trouble because the Prius has a hook under the rear trunk made for this purpose. Neal attempted to turn his car around so he could drive forward to the road. Bad move, because he got the front end of the car stuck in the deeper mud with the car crossway in the driveway! The tow truck driver got a bit irritated, and we headed for home before we could see how their "tow job" went.

A day or two later, as I took Shiloh for a walk past our still frozen small irrigation pond, Shiloh spied a pair of mallard ducks in the small area of open water at the shallow end of the pond. Shiloh was ahead of me when he saw the ducks, and he started across the ice toward the ducks at full tilt. When he got about halfway across the ice, it turned to slush, and Shiloh plunged into the icy water, splashing all the way! He turned toward me and began furiously clawing at the ice with his front paws. While I was contemplating whether I needed to try to assist (Something I was not eager to do because of the icy water), Shiloh struggled up onto the ice. He immediately jumped ashore and took off at a furious pace in the direction directly away from the ducks! He calmed down shortly, and we continued our walk while Shiloh showed no more interest in the ducks, still calmly sitting on the water.

Newry

By Doug Webster



Hi everyone. It's been a few weeks, but I guess you could say I've been sick. I diagnosed myself with Spring Fever. This week's weather forecast, though, has cured me. I am no longer feeling excited and energetic about the weather. It will be worth it in the end, because as the old saying goes, April showers bring May flowers.

This year's maple sugaring season appears to finally be over. What a long, drawn-out season. I can't wait to see how the "big guys" did. It seems like if you stuck with it, the quantity that you were hoping for could be achieved. But it sure took some pa-

tience. I have a theory, and maybe it is well-known outside of my small circle. I believe that the maple flavor comes from a hard boil - almost a scorching of the sap. My sap simmers away on my wood stove until it is almost ready, then I finish up on my kitchen stove, the same way most small-timers finish theirs. But my syrup tends to have a sweet, almost buttery taste, lacking that real maple flavor. The only difference I can tell is the way it is cooked down. I am not sure if the maple syrup federation would approve of my method, but it sure is good. If anybody knows the scientific reason why the syrup gets darker as the season goes on, please give me a shout.

I see there has been a bill in front of the Maine legislators, LD 1082. It seems odd that all the people "in the know" didn't know about the bill until last week. I can remember the Newry withdrawal committee talking about it months ago. The bill's specifics seem like a very fair compromise to the current funding formula. I don't think people realize how Newry's budget is affected by the school budget. People assume we are swimming in money in Newry. As Alison

mentioned in last week's article on LD 1082, after paying such an exorbitant amount for the schools, there isn't much left over to actually run the town and keep up on the roads and infrastructure. One would think that Newry would have the best roads and amenities of any town around, but unfortunately, because of the current funding formula, there isn't a lot of money left over to run the town. Marcel Polak and the rest of the school cartel seem to cry Henny-Penny if Newry were to withdraw. They tell us how concerned they are about the children and the quality of education. But when asked to pay their fair share, they make it sound like the whole district economy is going to crash. I can say it will only crash if the other towns don't step up and pay their share of the school bill. Newry appears to be a political football. The School Board and Legislators seem to make all the decisions, and the Newry residents sit back and watch.

Condolences go out to my classmate, Kathy, and the family of my classmate, Brian Tibbets. Brian died last week and will surely be

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First Universalist Church of West Paris May worship services

The month of May brings with it the promise of warmth and growth. The First Universalist Church of West Paris offers worship services which also provide these things, spiritually speaking. All are welcome to our Sunday worship services which are led by guest speakers, the worship service committee, and at least twice monthly by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson. Services begin at 9 a.m. followed with refreshments.

May 3: "The Emerson Legacy" led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson. The Transcendentalist movement of the 19th century is often cited as the origin of contemporary Unitarian Universalism. Beginning with the legacy of Ralph Waldo Emerson, this will be the first of three services in May to celebrate the insights and lives of our great Transcendentalist forebears.

May 10: "Why We Need Julia Ward Howe, and the True Meaning of Mother's Day" led by The Reverend Sue Gabrielson, who is minister at the Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church, and frequent speaker at the First Universalist Church of West Paris. Born in 1819, Julia Ward Howe was known for her work on "...women's rights, peace, prison and education reform as a preacher, lecturer and dignitary. She was seen as a bridge between Society and Reform and used her celebrity and social status to further her ideology. Among her many contributions to American society is her famous 'Battle Hymn of the Republic,' which has become a nation-

al anthem of sorts. She was also co-editor and writer for The Woman's Journal, which lobbied for suffrage and human rights. She was instrumental in creating Mother's Day, which she envisioned as a day of solemn council where women from all over the world could meet to discuss the means whereby to achieve world peace."

May 17: "Ahead of Her Time" led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson. Margaret Fuller, 19th century literary critic, journalist and women's rights advocate, is less famous than her male Transcendentalist counterparts but was no less an influence on American culture and Unitarian Universalism. At this service we will celebrate the life of this extraordinary woman and her global vision of equality and human rights.

May 24: Music Sunday at the First Universalist: "Let It Be - The Power of Music" Music has a mysterious way

Blanco to deliver Gould commencement speech

Richard Blanco, best known for creating and reading his original work, One Today, at President Obama's second inauguration ceremony in 2013, will deliver the commencement address at Gould Academy's 179th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 6, 2015.

The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Gould's Alumni Field and is open to the public. Richard Blanco is the fifth inaugural poet in US history - the youngest, first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role. Born in Madrid to Cuban-exiled parents and raised in Miami, the negotiation of cultural identity and place characterize his body of work. He is the author of the memoirs The Prince of Los Cocuyos: A Miami Childhood and For All of Us, One Today: An Inaugural Poet's Journey; the poetry chapbooks One Today and Boston Strong; and the poetry collections Looking for the Gulf Motel, Directions to the Beach of the Dead, and City of a Hundred

Fires. Currently, he is collaborating with renowned illustrator Dav Pilkey on a children's book of his poem One Today.

Blanco's many awards include the Agnes Starrett Poetry Prize from the University of Pittsburgh Press, the Beyond Margins Award from the PEN American Center, the Paterson Poetry Prize, and the Thom Gunn Award. A builder of cities as well as poems, Blanco holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing. He has received numerous honors for his writings and performances, including honorary doctorates from Macalester College, Colby College, and the University of Rhode Island, and has been named a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow. He has taught at Central Connecticut State University, Georgetown University, and American University. Blanco splits his time between Bethel and Boston, Mass.

"Richard Blanco represents with great honor so much of what we value at Gould Academy," said Head of School Matt Ruby. "We look forward to welcoming him back to our campus and to hearing the insights he will provide to our graduating class."

In 2013 Blanco partnered with Gould Academy to create The Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and

Retreat, which brings living writers back to the school and Bethel area in an effort to build student and community appreciation for contemporary poetry.

"Part of what I learned over the process of being the inaugural poet was that we as a country need to continue to create new generations of readers and appreciators of poetry," Blanco says of the program. "Through contact with contemporary work and contemporary authors, my hope is that students at Gould Academy can develop that appreciation and understand that poetry, just like any art, is still vibrant and alive today - one that can teach us about ourselves and about the world."

More information about Gould Academy's commencement will be forthcoming. More information on Richard Blanco can be found at richard-blanco.com.

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Brown Bag Lunch: Local food initiatives

On Tuesday, May 5, the Western Mountains Senior College will continue its Brown Bag Lunch series, with the theme of local food initiatives. Amanda Moran, owner of NABOS in Bethel and coordinator of the Edible Bethel project, and Meryl Kelly, Executive Director of the Local Food Connection, will facilitate the discussion.

The Edible Bethel project, featured in the recent "Bethel Living" magazine, and the Local Food Connection, are two of several

noteworthy initiatives in our area connecting community members with locally grown food. Our facilitators will begin with updates on these ventures and will invite participants' ideas on how we can all support those efforts and play a part in fostering a healthier community. Bring your lunch and join the discussion: Tuesday, May 5, 12:15 to 1:30, Bethel Inn Library. Please RSVP by May 1 so we can set up enough chairs: nancydavis@megalink.net or 381-1110.

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Sports

Telstar High School Track & Field preview

Returning athletes: Boys: Seniors — Maverick Griffin (sprints), Greg Wheeler (distance); Sophomores — Kellen True (sprints), Avery Griffin (hurdles, jumps). Girls: Seniors — Nisrini Hamdi (high jump), Gabi Stone (distances); Junior — Kaitlyn Brown (distance); Sophomore — India Orino (sprints, hurdles). The Rebels are young but are hoping that youth pays dividends. It did last year with Kellen True, Avery Griffin and Kaitlyn Brown, who all qualified for the state meet as underclassmen. The upperclassmen will lead the way with Maverick Griffin, Greg Wheeler, Gabi Stone and Nisrini Hamdi.

Key losses: Boys: Josef Holt-Andrews, Bronson Dean; Girls: Casey Blaszcak, Savannah Patenaude.

• Coach David LeClerc

Kate Braestrup speaking at West Paris UU

“Spiritual Fitness” is the title of The Reverend Kate Braestrup’s sermon on April 26 at the 9 a.m. First Universalist Church of West Paris Sunday worship service. Reverend Braestrup is a community minister, law enforcement chaplain, and the author of the New York Times bestselling memoir, Here If You Need Me, Marriage and Other Acts of Charity and her latest book, Beginner’s Grace: Bringing Prayer to Life. In addition, she is a popular public speaker around the country and abroad, entertaining and educating interested audiences with her characteristic honesty, good humor and poignancy.

You can learn more about Kate by visiting her website www.katebraestrup.com. For more information about the First Universalist Church of West Paris, please contact Marta Clements, 674-2143, mclements96894@roadrunner.com, Bob Clifford, 674-3442, bobarlen@megalink.net, or Suzanne Dunham 665-2967, dunhamfarm@msn.com.

Frog listeners needed

Maine Audubon is looking for volunteers to “lend an ear” and help observe the presence of frogs and toads in their local area. Wood frogs, the Northern Leopard frog and other amphibians will be active in vernal pools and wetlands throughout the state in the next week or two.

Maine Audubon started the Maine Amphibian Monitoring Program (MAMP) in 1997. It is part of a nationwide effort (22 states participate each year) to collect data and better understand the distribution and abundance of amphibians. The presence of frogs and other species (or lack thereof) is often an indication of larger habitat changes and disturbances, such as vernal pool and wetland degradation, the availability of food, and climate change. “It takes many years of observation and data collection to truly understand how our local habitats are changing,” noted Susan Gallo, Maine Audubon wildlife biologist. “Each year, Maine contributes the data our volunteers collect to a national database managed by the United States Geological Survey (USGS). This helps USGS staff work with local natural resource managers and contributes to increased knowledge about the general global trend of amphibian decline.”

Volunteers drive along an assigned route three different times during the spring and stop at designated areas to observe the presence of nine different amphibian species. A free online training is available for all volunteers. Volunteers are needed for routes throughout the state. “Participating in MAMP is a fun family activity,” noted Gallo. “Adults and kids can learn how to identify frog and toad calls together and contribute to a great citizen science project that will help us understand the larger changes that are happening to Maine’s habitats.”

Volunteers are especially needed in western, northern and Downeast Maine. To sign up for a route or to learn more about MAMP, please contact Susan Gallo at sgallo@maineaudubon.org or call (207) 781-2330 x216. Learn more at www.maineaudubon.org/frogs.

Towns

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missed by family and friends. Condolences to the Jordan family of West Bethel, for the loss of Carol Jordan, and also to Ernie Waterhouse, for the loss of his wife Rolande. I also learned that Mark Vail died over the weekend. Mark had deep ties to Newry and moved back to the area to retire. He had a wealth of knowledge of the local history and will be missed.

South Woodstock

By Lolalce Dillingham



Monday, April 20, 9:45 a.m.

Good morning dear readers, it started out with sunshine first thing this morning but now it’s beginning to cloud in and we are going to get some much needed rain, the temperature is 44.6 degrees with a light wind.

Condolences to the family of Peggy Roderick Staley. Our thoughts and prayers with each family member.

Family and friends gathered here on Saturday afternoon April 18 to help Gordon and Celia Paine celebrate their 50th anniversary. We all met at Market Square for lunch at noon and then we all came back here for an afternoon of friendship and music. Paula and I played for two hours singing the traditional songs the happy couple like and enjoy; we even got the crowd to join in with us on some sing alongs. A beautiful cake was cut and served with ice cream and punch.

We invited Dale Corriveau to sit in with us on the guitar, he sang a couple of songs then Dale and Matt Mason did a great job on a song together. It was a great day with friends and family.

Yogi and I worked outside doing yard work yesterday, we got some of the bird feeders reset and got my hummingbird and oriole feeders set out for the season and put out some new solar lights that the kids gave me last

year.

Yogi got the lawnmower out with the lawn sweeper and swept the front lawn to get up all the winter debris, the sweeper was truly a great investment, so glad we decided to get it.

A huge Flicker was at the suet feeder this morning; he was just enjoying his breakfast.

Remember to mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 29, the Bethel Alliance Church will be holding their Community Supper from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

It was good seeing Clarence and Shirley Newton yesterday at Market Square Restaurant. Our thoughts and prayers are with Shirley.

Well, dear readers that’s all from the valley this week. Enjoy each day and stay well.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



The Letter B Notch Riders met Sunday. The 12 members in attendance voted in the slate of officers for the ensuing year.

The group decided to have a club ride and cook-out on May 30. They will have their May meeting on the 31st. They also discussed potential trail and bridge work, including assisting the State Line Snowmobile Club replace the bridge over Mollidgewok Brook. The members decided to purchase a heavy duty trailer to assist in moving materials needed for trail work. Thank-you Charlotte and Bob for hosting the meeting.

As of Sunday morning, the ice was still in Umbagog.

Page 13 of the April 9 edition of the Bethel Citizen included a Sara Wright “Backyard Reflections” column. The column was titled The Eastern Coyote—A Success Story. She talks of how great it is that the coyotes made such a huge comeback in a short amount of time. She opines that the

coyote, deer and other wild-life live in peaceful harmony. If I were to write a story about coyotes, I would likely title it something along the lines of: The Eastern Coyote – A Story of a Hostile Takeover. I feel that the coyote puts extreme hunting pressure on almost every other animal in the Maine woods. It is my opinion that it should be legal to kill coyotes anytime, anywhere, any method. I recommend Gene Letourneau’s book, America’s New Wolf, to anyone interested in a realistic view of the Eastern Coyote.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, April 24, 7 p.m. at the town office.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



It is the day after Earth Day. Celebrations Continue. It is also National Poetry Month. As such, there is a reading on April 23 at Gould Academy in Bethel at 7:30 p.m. by Poet Activist and Playwright Rachel McKibbens. It is open to all.

Saturday, April 25, there is an indoor yard sale at the Wilkins House. Come see all the different items available.

May 1 at the Second Congo Church in Norway there is a poetry reading by Richard Blanco at 7 p.m. His talk is entitled “Just Tell me a story: Writing a Memoir.” General admission is \$10. Tickets are available at Norway Library and Books N Things on Main Street in Norway.

May 1 was once celebrated as May Day and a fun celebration in the spring. After the Soviet Union came into being May Day was no longer celebrated. Perhaps, now that things have changed, we can celebrate it again as a rite of spring.

May 4 in Waterford at the Library 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Socrates’ café will be held. Topic is: How can we achieve social equity? Scott Vlaun will be moderator.

That is all for this week. Have a great spring.

AES

fundraiser

There are several upcoming fundraisers to celebrate the New Andover School.

On Friday, May 1, there will be a family spaghetti supper at 6 p.m. The celebration will continue with Pete Coolidge and friends playing some great music, Andover Style. Carol Emery will MC with a combination of storytelling, lip-synchs, singing with slide show, puppetry, essay reading and who knows what else?

This part of the celebration is BYOB and for adult audiences. The celebration will continue on Saturday, May 2 with a Family Fun Day at 10 a.m. Games galore and a free cookout for Andover residents at the ball field by Mill’s Market. Donations for any of these events will be very much appreciated. Please call Carol Emery at 392-3161 if you would like to help.

Eric Nelson on being One Of The Family

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I grew up doing cemetery maintenance alongside my father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother. So, I appreciate a family business.

While attending Oxford Hills High School, I lived with my mother and stepfather, Dana, in the funeral home. Dana taught me the work and care involved in funeral service. I decided I wanted to dedicate myself to serving others during life’s difficult moments.

After graduating from the State University of New York Mortuary Science, I worked as a licensed funeral director in Maine for 14 years.

My wife, two sons and I came home to the Oxford Hills and Lakes Region, living in the Bridgton location of Chandler Funeral Homes. We are reacquainting ourselves with the area and establishing friendships.

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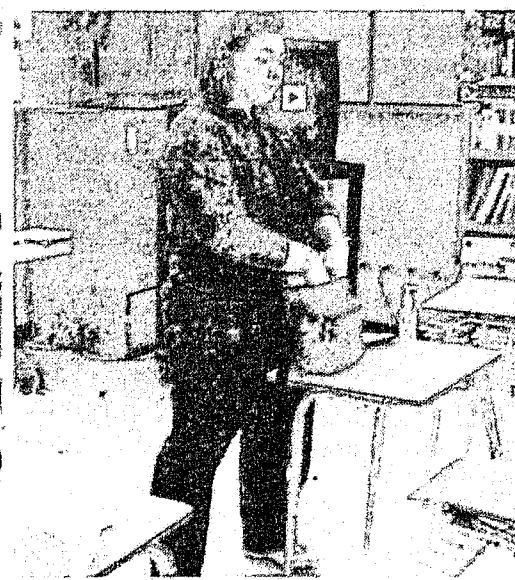
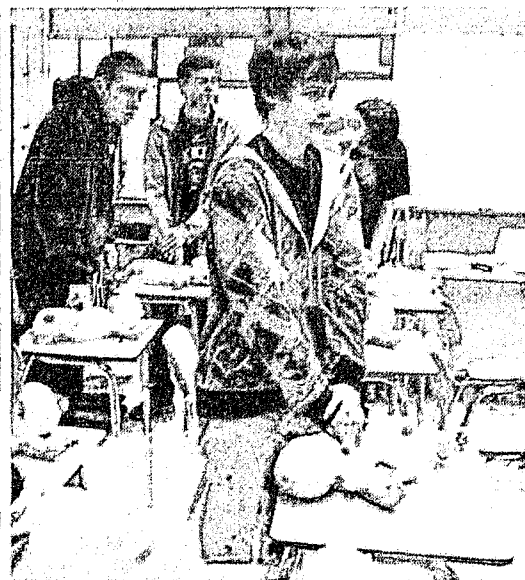
This year TMS had three students (out of 45,000 who took the test) qualified for the finals in the MathCON math competition. Only 700 student qualified nationwide. We are incredibly proud of sixth graders Lydia Bennett, Alexander Baribeau, and 7th grader Isabel Chase for their great accomplishments. All scored within the 99th percentile.



Super Stars: The Telstar Middle School faculty is pleased to announce the school's Super Stars for the month of March. They have made great strides in their education and set a wonderful example to others. sixth grader, Darren LeClaire; seventh grader, Juleigha Taylor; and eighth grader, Toby Walker.



Mr. Keane's Telstar Challenge Class getting CPR certified.



Mr. Keane's health class welcomed guest speaker Hayley Tripp.

CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL



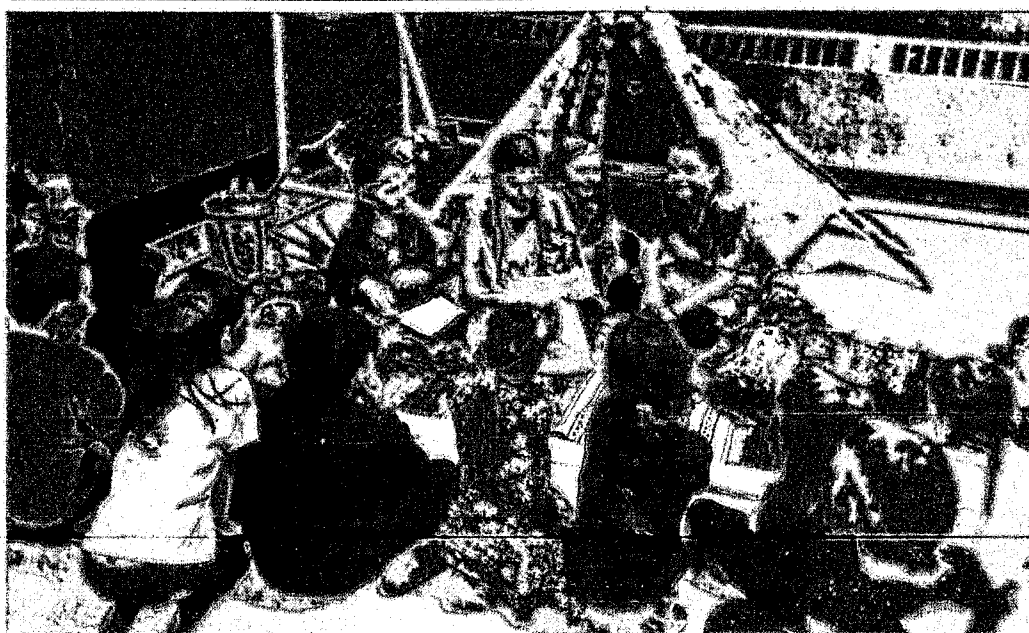
Mrs. Keane's fifth graders recently finished a 1000 piece puzzle shaped like a manatee. The students enjoyed working on the puzzle while their teacher read aloud and at other times during the day when work was done and they had a few minutes.

DISTRICT II MUSIC FESTIVAL



15 fifth and sixth grade students from WES, CPS, and TMS participated in the District II Elementary Festival on Thursday, April 9 at Lewiston Middle School. There were accompanied by teachers Tom Coolidge, Duncan McFarland, and Linda Stowell. Pictured above are chorus participants left to right: Julia Head, Caroline Seikman, Molly Pereira, Lydia Bennett, Autumn Harrison, Shelby Thorman, Brianna Benson, Emma Evans.

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Andover Elementary students read biographies for a recent book report. Here Ella Akers, Emma Clukey, Ryleigh Richard and Codi Duclos take on the persona of famous Native Americans to tell their stories.



CPS fifth grade students who memorized a poem for Library class and presented in front of the whole school today in honor of National Poetry Month.

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More Satellite: WES Career in the Arts Day

Students at Woodstock School enjoyed a Careers in Arts Day on Friday, April 17th. Classes rotated in 40 minute sessions with each artist throughout the day. Students participated with hands on activities in each career area and learned how each artist made it their career choice. The students ended the day with an assembly in the gym where they completed a bar graph showing what area they would like to explore more about in the future.



Cake Design: Jolene Littlehale working with 5th boys on designing their cupcakes.



Jewelry Design - Gina Billings working with 3rd grade students making a pair of earrings.



Graphic Design - Rachel Adams observing 2nd grade students with their label designs.

Dance: Bonnie Marshall showing some 2nd graders some ballet moves.



Musician - Duncan McFarland teaching 4th graders how to conduct to a piece of music.



The artists who participated were (from left): Duncan McFarland - Musician; Nicholas Johnson - Photography; Gina Billings - Jewelry Design; Rachel Adams - Graphic Design; Heather Groves - Dance Instruction. Absent: Bonnie Marshall - Dance Instruction; Jolene Littlehale & Wanda Johnson - Cake Design.



Photography: Nicholas Johnson talking to students about how he got into photography. (Photos: Pam House)

Emugene Staples recruitment grant

Delta Kappa Gama is a society of women educators. One of the goals of the society is to help recognize women in education and promote professional growth.

The Zeta Chapter of DKG will be awarding a \$300 grant to one recipient in May. Applicants must be women who have completed their freshman year of college, are going into the field of education, and come from a town in one of the following school units: RSU 17/MSAD17, RSU 10 or RSU44/MSAD44. Applicants should submit a one page letter telling about their educational background, future plans, and why they feel they would be a good choice to receive this grant. The deadline for a letter of application is due Friday, May 15, 2015. Please submit your letter of application to Toni Hamlin, 8 Frederick Avenue, South Paris, Maine 04281.

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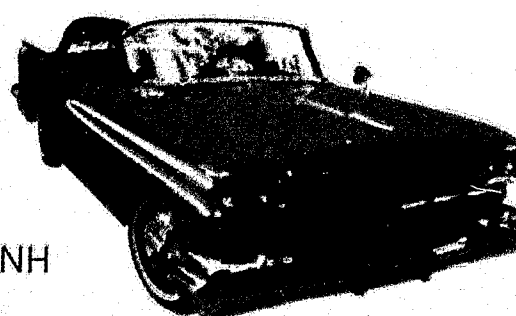
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Thursday, April 23

Farm Pond Construction/Trout Stocking Workshop; 9 a.m. (check-ins begin at 8:30), Cummings Hall, First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road, Paris. Candace Gilpatrick, Natural Resource Conservation Service Agricultural Engineer and Sonny Pierce of Shy Beaver Hatchery will lead a workshop on farm pond construction and stocking your private pond with trout. The morning workshop will end at 11:30 and be followed by lunch and a field trip to a local farm pond for a "walk and talk." \$20 per person. Pre-registration by April 22 required. FMI/Registration: 743-5789 ext. 111 or oxfordcountyswd@gmail.com.

Wooden Pen Making Demonstration; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Gary Gallant of Rumford will demonstrate the art of making wooden pens. He will also have finished pens to show. The program is open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

4th Thursday in April, National Poetry Month; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Public Library. The 4th Thursday meeting offers poetry lovers the opportunity to share their own works or those of favorite poets. Come, bring a friend, bring a poem and celebrate National Poetry Month. Light refreshments. Free and open to the public. Information: 364-3661.

Poet Rachel McKibbens at Gould; 7:30 p.m., Bingham Auditorium. Poet, activist, playwright and essayist, Rachel McKibbens is a New York Foundation for the Arts poetry fellow and author of the critically acclaimed volume of poetry, *Pink Elephant* (Cypher Books, 2009). Regarded as one of the most dynamic speakers in the country, McKibbens is a legend within the poetry slam community, noted for her accomplishments both on and off the stage: she is a nine-time National Poetry Slam team member, has appeared on eight NPS final stages, coached the New York louderARTS poetry slam team to three consecutive final stage appearances, is the 2009 Women of the World Poetry Slam champion and the 2011 National Underground Poetry Slam individual champion.

Friday, April 24

Civil War Movies in April - Cold Mountain; 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

Saturday, April 25

Indoor Yard Sale; 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Locke's Mills Union Church. Put on by the Ladies Circle.

Local and Legendary: Maine in the Civil War/BHS Program; 2 p.m., Bethel Historical Society. "Lincoln and the Civil War," marking the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination on April 14, 1865. Special display of a Lincoln portrait presented to Gould Academy in 1911, as well as original documents signed by Lincoln from a private collection. Free and open to the public.

Public Chicken Pie Supper; 4:30 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Sponsored by AMVETS Post 777. Adults/\$8, kids 12 and under/\$4.

Annual Birthday Supper; 5:30 p.m., Congregational Church, Andover. Tables and cakes decorated for each month. Roast pork, applesauce, baked potatoes, coleslaw, carrots, green beans, rolls and birthday cake. Adults/\$8, kids under 12/\$4.

Monday, April 27

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 29

Community Supper (No Charge); Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Thursday, April 30

"End of Life Care: Having the Conversation" TYH Presentation; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. Sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College, this program is designed to inspire a dialogue about end of life issues. Hard questions that need to be asked about the quality of life will be addressed and discussed by a five-member panel in this interactive program. Public is invited and admission is free. FMI call R. Tift at 824-2053.

May 1 and 2

Andover School Arts Program Fundraiser; Friday, 6 p.m., spaghetti dinner and dance. Music by Pete Coolidge and friends. Carol Emery will MC with a combination of storytelling, lip-syns, puppetry and more. BYOB, adults only. Saturday, Family Fun Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many events for children and families to participate in. Free cookout lunch for Andover residents. FMI: Carol (392-3161).

Friday, May 1

Animal Communication Talk/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck (bring a dish to share), 7 p.m. talk, Mahoosuc Mountain

Lodge, North Newry. Nancy Hohmann will talk about animal communication. Donations accepted to benefit Responsible Pet Care. FMI: 824-2073.

Hunts Corner Cemetery Assn. Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Betty Gingras' home. FMI: 824-3408.

Poetry Reading/Talk with Richard Blanco; 7 p.m., Second Congregational Church, UCC, 205 Main Street, Norway. Blanco will present a reading of poetry and prose and a talk entitled, "Just Tell Me a Story: Writing the Memoir," which will discuss his memoir "The Prince of Los Cocuyos" (Ecco, 2014) along with his experiences as the 2013 Inaugural Poet. Following a question and answer period, Blanco will be available to sign books. Books N Things of Norway will be in-house providing books for purchase. General admission: \$10. Tickets available at the Norway Memorial Library at 258 Main Street, Norway and Books N Things at 430 Main Street, Norway.

Saturday, May 2

Woodstock Conservation Commission Clean-Up Day; 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Bryant Pond ball field. Help clean up the roadside and public sites prior to the Bicentennial June 20 and 21.

Inside/Outside Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., VFW Hall, 58 Main Street, South Paris. Sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. Tables are \$10. Lunch Counter will be open. Call Marilyn Ramsay at 743-5723 if interested in a table.

Old Fashioned Barn Dance/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. concert, 8 p.m. dance, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. All dances are taught. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$10, children under 16 half-price. FMI: 824-2073.

Franklin Grange 124 Mock Hee-Haw Show; 7 p.m., Grange Hall, Main Street, Bryant Pond. Live music by John Sparrow, the Milltown Road Show, Richard Felt, Brad Hooper, the Shadagee Ramblers and more. Refreshments available. Door Prizes. 50/50 raffle. Admission: \$6/adults, \$3/children under 12.

Sunday, May 3

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser; 2 to 5 p.m., Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Live music by the Shadagee Ramblers, 50/50, raffle items and snacks. \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance. Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to older adults who are homebound and cannot cook for themselves. Proceeds will go toward ending a waitlist of over 100 in the tri-county region. FMI: 1-800-427-1241 or info@seniorsplus.org.

Monday, May 4

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Socrates Cafe Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Discussion Topic: How Can We Achieve Social Equity? Moderator: Scott Vlaun. Light refreshments will be provided. FMI: 583-6957.

Tuesday, May 5

Brown Bag Lunch: Local Food Initiatives; 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Bethel Inn Library. The Edible Bethel project, featured in the recent "Bethel Living" magazine, and the Local Food Connection, are two of several noteworthy initiatives in our area connecting community members with locally grown food. Facilitators Amanda Moran and Meryl Kelly will begin with updates on these ventures and will invite participants' ideas on how we can all support those efforts and play a part in fostering a healthier community. RSVP by May 1. FMI/RSVP: Nancy Davis (nancydavis@megalink.net or 381-1110).

Wednesday, May 6

Greenwood Historical Society Meeting; Locke's Mills. 6:15 potluck supper, 7 p.m. meeting. Guest speaker: Will Chapman, "Modern Methods of Storing Archives."

Vote on Proposed Region 9 School of Applied Technology Budget; Region 9 School of Applied Technology, 377 River Road, Mexico.

Saturday, May 9

Hope Association Spring Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Many crafters along with raffles, Chinese auction, cookie walk, and lunch specials with make your own sundaes. There will be a Kid's Corner with games and prizes. All proceeds benefit Special Olympics Team Sunshine. FMI: Sally Theriault (364-4561).

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Linwood Swett will give a demonstration on how to prevent swarming using the Demaree Method. Weather permitting there will be and open hive, so bring your veils. Public's welcome. FMI: Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.com) or mainehoneybees.com.

Football Benefit Dinner & Concert; Sunday River Brew Pub. Dinner 5 to 8 p.m. (10 percent of food and beverage purchases benefit local football programs for all ages). Concert with Roadhouse 8 to 12 p.m., 21+, \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. All proceeds go to SAD 44 Football grades 2-12.

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day Open Heart Concert: Honoring the Possibilities of LOVE; 3 to 5 p.m., First Congregational Church, 17 East Main Street, South Paris. \$5-15 donation. Looking for a new way to celebrate Mother's Day? Join Katey, Deb and Fred as we honor you, your mother(s), daughters, sons, husbands, and mother earth with this unique concert in the round. Katey Branch and Deb Hensley on vocals, Fred White on guitar and percussion. We all mother in one way or another so come honor that in yourself and others. FMI: Katey (890-9622) or www.hallspondhealingarts.com.

May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17

Quick Start Workshop on Starting a Business; 6 to 8 p.m., Community Concepts Conference Room, 17 Market Square, South Paris. Instructors include Dana Hanley, Esq. of Hanley & Associates, Daryl Cote, CPA, with Ouelette & Associates, PA and Oxford Hills SCORE business counselors Steve Veazey, John Huffman and Charlie Peabody. \$50 for the series, \$10 for an individual workshop. FMI: 743-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org.

Wednesday, May 13

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., Bethel Alliance Church (across from Telstar). This will be a potluck meal. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. A \$3 donation for the church is suggested.

Thursday, May 14

"Pig Out on Reading" Program; 1 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Farmer Minor, his pig Daisy and his two pug dogs will present a program to two Woodstock Elementary School Classes. The public is also welcome to attend.

Cooking Gluten Free; 5:30 to 8 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church. A living gluten free cooking workshop will be offered by Suzanne Dunham, gluten free baker and herbalist. The class will begin with a brief presentation about going gluten free. The cooking session will be hands on preparation of two gluten free dishes, and will include tips about using alternative flours in cooking. Handouts and recipes will be provided. Tuition: \$12. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

May 15, 16 and 17

15th Annual Home Garden Flower Show, May Fair; Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Seven buildings filled with almost 300 plus booths on home and energy and 9 garden centers, garden artisans and crafters, plus five acres of outdoor products for the home and garden and other related businesses. The famous Meet the Chefs Cooking Series, Lodge Cast Iron Skillet Toss, Home and Garden Seminars, Kids activities and demonstrations. Guest speakers, fair food and more. General Admission \$10. Children 10 and under free. Group rates available. FMI: www.homegardenflowershow.com or 800-359-2033.

Saturday, May 16

Rumford Auxiliary Yard Sale; Members of the Auxiliary will be at 209 Lincoln Avenue on Friday mornings during May to accept donations from the public for the yard sale. Pick up for donations to the sale can be arranged by calling 364-3648 or at 562-4343. The Auxiliary accepts everything except major appliances and clothing. Furniture, rugs, kitchen goods, books and office items are big sellers. All proceeds are donated to Rumford Hospital.

Sunday, May 17

Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War - Final Celebration; 4 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy, featuring The Androscoggin Chorale Chamber Singers and the dramatic presentation of "My Dear Absent Husband" based on the actual letters of Stephen and Lydia Richards of Upton.

Monday, May 18

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, May 20

"The Ancestral Androscoggin Esker and Related Local Glacial Features"; 7:00 p.m., Rumford Municipal Building. Sponsored by the Rumford Historical Society at its May meeting, naturalist and environmental educator Bob Elliott uses slides and discussion to illustrate how the Ice Age glacier created "kames," "kettle holes," "plunge-pit pot-holes," and the remarkable "Ancestral Androscoggin Esker" the gravel ridge often called the "whale's back" that dots the landscape for over 70 miles from Azischoos through the Richardson Lakes, the Ellis River Valley, along Routes 232 and 26 all the way to Cumberland. Please arrive by 7 p.m. for a brief business meeting of the Society. Program is expected to begin at 7:15. Enter the building through the Police Station on the River Street side, go to the end of the hall and take the elevator to the third floor Auditorium. Then come on Saturday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for a Field Trip to explore area features, leaving from Route 232 in Rumford Point. Please bring your own lunch. FMI: Bob at 824-2928.

Thursday, May 21

Invasive Forest Pests and Invasive Plants Program; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library. Jean Federico of the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District will present information on invasive forest pests and invasive plants and what we can do to help battle these problems.

June 13 and 20

Photography Class; Telstar High School, Room 133. This is an introduction to digital photography course for those who are looking to improve their photography skills. Topics that will be covered include, but are not limited to, basic camera functions, light use, portraiture and landscapes, and basic editing techniques. This course is for those using both digital point-and-shoot and DSLR cameras. Bring your camera. Tuition: \$25. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

Saturday, June 27

Bethel Rotary's Annual Yard Sale and Auction; Telstar High School, Bethel. Yard sale opens at 8 a.m. Auction preview at 5:30 followed by the auction at 6:30 p.m. To donate items, please contact (207) 653-9297. Gift certificates, furniture, antiques and treasures at the auction. Proceeds benefit Rotary's scholarship program, local community projects and more. FMI: www.bethelrotary.org.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - TV TERMS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What do cows watch on TV?

ACTORS
ADS
BROADCAST
CARTOON
CHANNEL
GAMES
GARDENING
HISTORY
NEWS
ON THE AIR
QUIZ SHOW
SERIAL
SOUND
SPORTS
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O H N A W O O L A L
R E O U R E O P Y L
Y R M S T O N O S S
B G A M E S O U N D

Riddle answer: _____

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

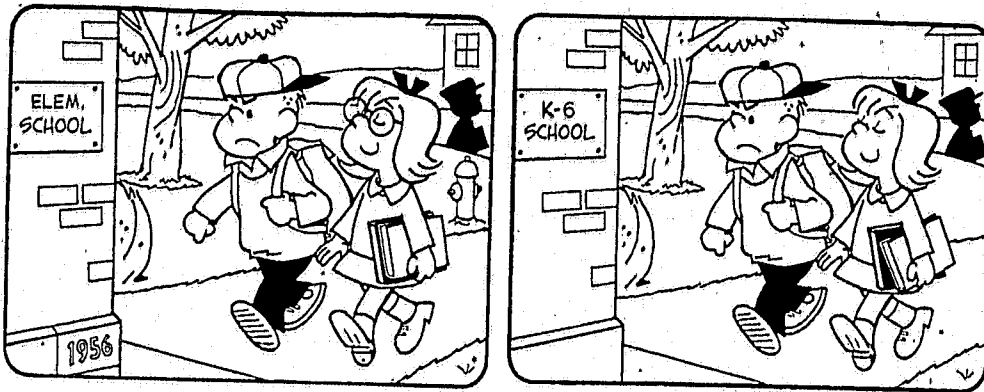
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TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Sign is different. 2. Street number is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Glasses are missing. 5. Book is missing. 6. Fire hydrant is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: M equals P

KLQXTFL YA HXTRZSLD LJIPAF

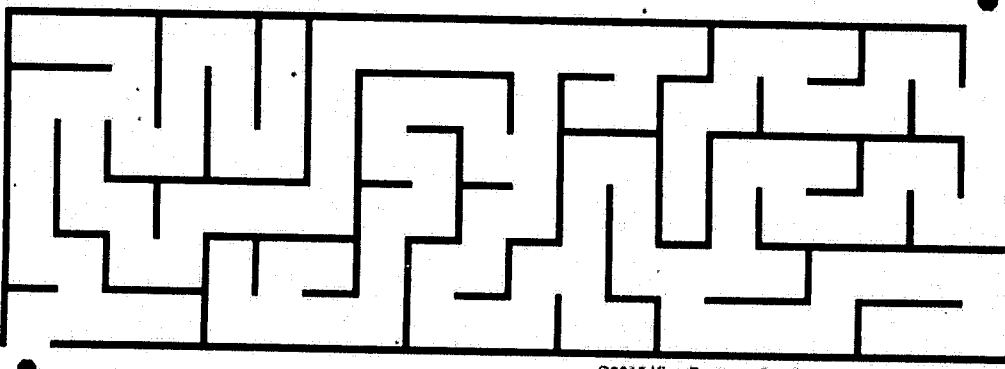
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Kids' Maze

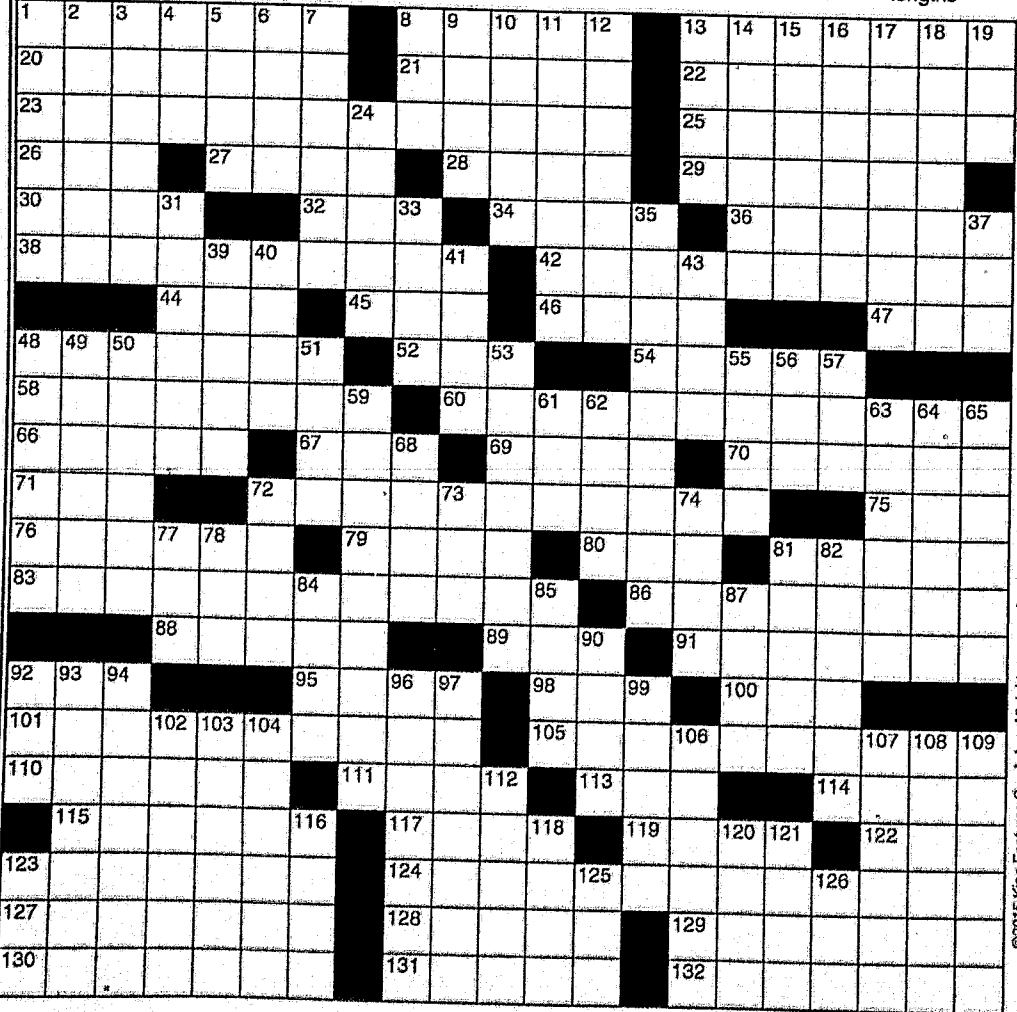


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Super Crossword

WHOO-HOO!

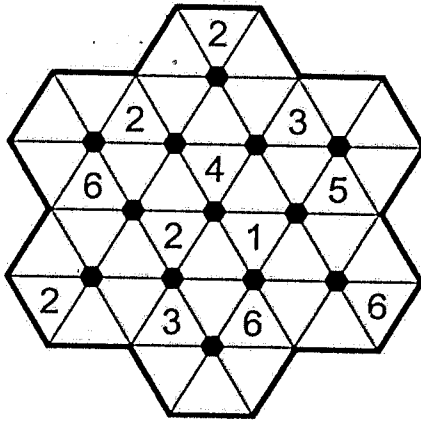
- ACROSS**
- 1 Laid fresh concrete on
 - 8 Waste
 - 13 Found
 - 20 Like gushing actors
 - 21 Malia's sister
 - 22 Kildare
 - 23 More with-it red fish?
 - 25 Runs fast
 - 26 1980s NBC sitcom
 - 27 "Teh" for "the," for one
 - 28 Jazzy singing
 - 29 "Growing Pains" actor Alan
 - 30 Tower for fodder
 - 32 Uncanny
 - 34 24-hr. money sources
 - 36 Japan natives, e.g.
 - 38 "Lookie there, muscle-building stuff!"
 - 42 Terrestrial chapeau?
 - 44 Dem.'s opponent
 - 45 --cone (frozen treat)
 - 46 "Just you wait, --" "iggins ..."
 - 47 Near-falling mark
 - 48 Analyzed
 - 52 Cochlea site
 - 54 "Will -- learn?"
 - 58 Beer brand
 - 60 Microwave saltines?
 - 66 Orchestra section
 - 67 -- Moines
 - 69 Old Spice alternative
 - 70 Reagan speechwriter
 - 71 Cyberspace address
 - 72 Pars?
 - 75 Lose power
 - 76 "Later!"
 - 79 Arduous trip
 - 80 Suffix with Japan
 - 81 45 half
 - 83 "My gripe is as follows ..."
 - 86 Coup, e.g.
 - 88 Lay new turf on
 - 89 Not well-lit
 - 91 Crab claws
 - 92 Bullfighting cheer
 - 95 Gaudy scarves
 - 98 Be soaked
 - 100 Zool. or ecol.
 - 101 Skeptical egg layer?
 - 105 Disease-free sea
 - 110 Actress
 - 111 Rat catcher
 - 113 '60s conflict site
 - 114 "Star Wars" royal
 - 115 Royal home
 - 117 Gillette
 - 119 -- yellow ribbon round
 - 122 Journalist
 - 123 Not unusual
 - 124 Things found at discount shoe stores?
 - 127 Italian city
 - 128 Steel, for one
 - 129 Adversaries
 - 130 Agrees (to)
 - 131 "Black Velvet" singer
 - 132 Orchestra leader
 - 1 Go over again, as old issues
 - 33 Eat in style
 - 35 Least lenient
 - 37 -- loves me ...
 - 39 California's Point --
 - 40 Astra
 - 41 Biblical ark builder
 - 43 -- and terminator
 - 48 Waylay
 - 49 "Yes, --"
 - 50 Peak climber, e.g.
 - 51 Dumbbell
 - 53 Chastised
 - 55 SUV cousins
 - 56 Prefix with warrior
 - 57 "Bringing Up Baby" studio
 - 59 Sang loudly
 - 61 Radius site
 - 62 Part of CRT
 - 63 Alternative to lettuce
 - 64 Oakland footballer
 - 65 Smiles villainously
 - 68 Dinar earner
 - 72 Hovels
 - 73 Once named
 - 74 Lop the crop
 - 77 -- goin' down!
 - 78 Suffix of sugars
 - 81 Pianist's seat
 - 82 Communal
 - 84 Boxcar rider
 - 85 Bait biter
 - 87 Smack
 - 90 Complain
 - 92 Unit of resistance
 - 93 Frogs and kangaroos
 - 94 Angers a lot
 - 96 Patriarch of Judaism
 - 97 Majestic
 - 99 Juan's
 - 102 Enlighten, in poems
 - 103 Kevin of "Saturday Night Live"
 - 104 Pour gently, as wine
 - 106 "Relapse" rapper
 - 107 Hang a new worm on
 - 108 Word with app or bee
 - 109 Makes the assertion
 - 112 Green shampoo
 - 116 Periods
 - 118 Bum balm
 - 120 Ferber or Krabappel
 - 121 Chick chaser?
 - 123 Nipper's co.
 - 125 Procedure; Abbr.
 - 126 Dash lengths



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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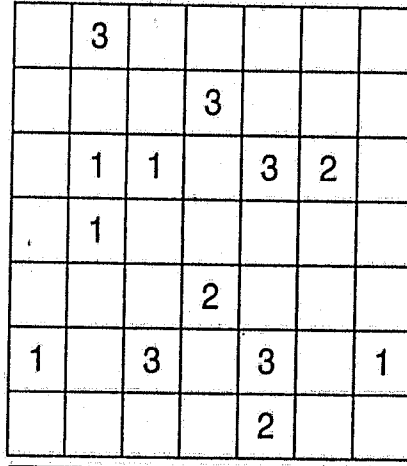
◆ Easy ◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZAI!

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Kids' Maze Solution

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Trade; 4. Luster

1. Eschew; 2. Humble

Because my daughter enjoys

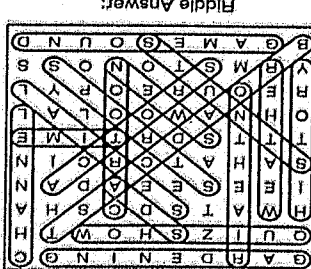
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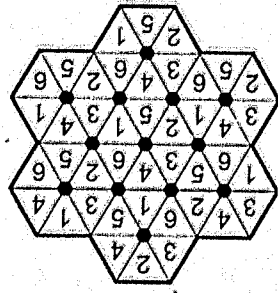
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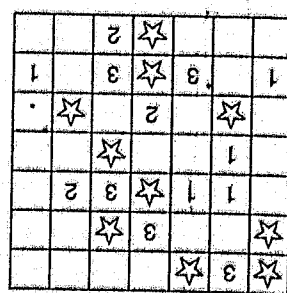
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SNOWFLAKES



Star★Map

ANSWERS:

A
P
R

2
3

2
0
1
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Greenwood City Memories

BY COLISTA MORGAN

(Ed. note: At reader request, the Citizen will occasionally print selected columns from the past written by our late Greenwood City columnist, Colista Morgan. Colista was a keen observer of nature, and her columns were a favorite of many readers.)

It's a Lady's World

It is early evening here at the foot of Noyes Mountain. The sun has dropped from sight but today the valley was full of long light and a bit of breeze brought in the sweetness of spring earth. One can feel the spring days, especially pleasant, and so forget that there may be more cold blustery ones.

The side roads, trails and woods are too wet to visit for some time and I might add that I'd need my snowshoes in most places in the woods even now.

So I walked the road. Along the way little streams with shifting broken patterns down the hillsides were seep-

ing from under tree roots amid the leaves and mosses and widening to brooks.

To a true lover of the out-of-doors a walk is a happy experience, no matter how often repeated; it will never lose its charm. The trees alone are worthy of admiration whether they appear in spring's sheen, summer's green, or autumn's colors. They stand as rugged individuals, sentinels over all. Their lofty tops seem to brush the sky at dawn's coming or when sunset's fires glow and burn. At the road between the ponds I hesitated for I thought how I would like to cross Turtle Bridge and go to Lady Slipper Ledge. I knew that I couldn't at this time.

Did you ever think how many plants pay tributes to ladies? Lady's-smock, one of the mustards common to low, wet places; Lady's-thumb, also known as hearts-ease, one of the smart weeds and cousin to buckwheat; Ladies'-tresses, little orchids;

Ladies'-tobacco, one of the everlasting known as pussy-toes; Ladyfern, Lady's earrings, the jewel weed and, of course, the Lady's-slipper.

As I walked homeward, I imagined I could hear the muffled sounds of roots expanding with their power; the landscape at this time is a constant and vast system of action.

All along the way there were lacy shadows, balmy fragrances, and a thousand things to see.

Now it's evening and night is falling in the woods, deep blue shadows growing old and lonesome. Night waits for the moon to pull itself up and float free and clear along a silver path across the ink-black water.

Owls watch, raccoons begin to stir, pines stand silhouetted in the quiet evening, peace seems a reality. This is the time for dreams.

"Out on the earth where the winds are free all life lives in harmony."

Spring 1975

WMNF artist deadline extended

The deadline for applicants for the White Mountain National Forest Artist-in-Residence program has been extended to May 1, 2015. Interested artists in all media are invited to apply for the 2015 residency, a celebration of the connections between forest, landscape and culture.

The residency program, a partnership between the WMNF and the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire, offers professional and emerging artists from around the country - visual and performing artists, craftspeople, writers, composers, eco artists and media artists - an opportunity to pursue their particular art form while being inspired by the surrounding forest and, on several occasions, sharing their work and their artistic process with members of the public. The goal of the residency program is to use art and creative expression to explore the many ways in which people relate to forests - and to the WMNF in particular.

The program was inaugurated in 2011, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Weeks Act, a milestone in American conservation history that enabled the federal government to purchase land in the eastern

U.S., leading to the creation of the White Mountain National Forest and more than 50 other national forests. It has now become part of the Forest fabric.

The focus of the program is to provide an opportunity for the selected artist to spend an extended time in the forest, creating work and sharing it during a weekly public session, when visitors can learn more about - or possibly participate in - the artistic process, and be encouraged to think about the connection between art, the forest and conservation.

Public programs may include demonstrations, talks, exploratory walks or hikes, or performances, based on the medium, interest and experience of the artist. One artist residency of at least three weeks will be offered between mid-July and September. The artist will be provided accommodations on or near the forest as well as limited reimbursement of travel expenses and the cost of supplies and materials.

"Artists have been inspired by the beauty of the White Mountains for hundreds of years," notes Tom Wagner, WMNF Forest Supervisor, "and they've played an important role in shaping the public's view and understanding of our landscape. We're very pleased that through our partnership with the Arts Alliance, the Artist-in-Residence program is continuing into its fifth year. The program helps us broaden the ways in which we experience and communicate the value of the national forest."

"All of our selected artists so far have really connected with the forest - as well as with the local community and with Forest Service personnel," says Frumie Selchen, Executive Director of the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire, a non-profit working to promote, support and sustain cultural life throughout northern New Hampshire. "Now that the program is established, there's a sense of expectation and excitement about each new artist, and the ways in which he or she will help us see and understand our landscape and the incredible resources the forest offers all of us who live and work here - as well as those who are coming to the region for the first time."

Find more information and an application for the program at www.aannh.org, or contact the Arts Alliance at info@aannh.org, 603-323-7302.

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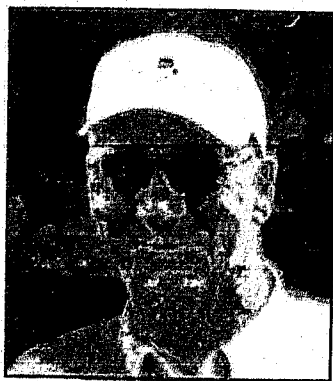
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Obituaries



BRIAN C. TIBBETTS

Brian Clark Tibbetts, 52, of Bethel, left this life way too soon early in the morning on Thursday, April 16, 2015 while doing the job he loved - grooming the trails on the top of White Cap at Sunday River Ski Resort. He was born on July 31, 1962 to Elgin "Stub" and Hope Tibbetts - the youngest of seven children. He attended Bethel schools, and was a member of the Telstar Class of 1980.

Brian loved playing football in high school and was a member of the track team.

He enjoyed the outdoors, especially working in the woods with his father, and also with his son Nicholas.

He married Kathy Bailey on May 2, 1981. Together they raised three wonderful children. His greatest joy came from being "Gramp" to his one and only grandson, Cruze.

Friends and family will miss him and that "twinkle in his eye." Brian loved his Ford trucks, snow-machining, fishing, going to the races, and hanging out with his friends in his garage.

He lived and worked locally in the Bethel area all his life. For 35 years, he was a snow groomer at Sunday River Ski Resort. He also worked as an excavator operator, most recently working for Savage Contracting.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; their two sons Nicholas Brian Tibbetts and wife Jenna, and Justin Clark Tibbetts; their daughter, Kimberly Mae Tibbetts and grandson Cruze Domery, all of Bethel; brothers Michael D. Tibbetts and wife Veltora of Sabattus, Warren K. Tibbetts and wife Sue Howe of

Scarborough; sisters Wanda Worthley and husband Michael of Roxbury, Dorene L. Vail and husband Kurt of Norway; many nieces and nephews; faithful friend Ali and his many friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Eddie Tibbetts, his sister Brenda Wodka, and nephew Donald Ryerson and his dog Syrus. All are invited to attend his graveside service at the Riverside Cemetery, North Road in Bethel on Monday, April 27 at 5 p.m. Friends and family are encouraged to gather at his home on Park Street in Bethel following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in his memory to: Northeast Bank, c/o the Cruze Domery Kimball Education Fund, PO Box 850, Bethel, Maine 04217.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.chandlerfunerals.com.



GEORGE N. SCHATZLE

George Nicholas "Nick" Schatzle D.V.M. 80, died Saturday April 18, 2015 at home surrounded by his family after a long, gallant battle with Parkinson's disease.

Nick was born in Rochester, N.Y. on May 6, 1934, the son of George J. and Ida Caroline Van Horne Schatzle. He is survived by his loving wife of thirty-three years, Gail Connors Schatzle, his two sons Allen M. Connors and wife Mame of Bethel, and Evan A. Connors of Jackson, N.H. He was also blessed with four grandchildren, Grace, George, Harry and Isabella Connors and is survived by his mother-in-law, Jill K. Marshall of Camden.

In June 1982, Nick married Gail Connors and the couple

planned to celebrate their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary in June.

Dr. Schatzle graduated from Cornell University in 1959 with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. After working for other animal hospitals, he opened his own practice, Rumney Animal Hospital in Rumney, N.H., specializing in the treatment of small animals. Nick was beloved by his clients and missed when he retired to Maine in 1989, having practiced veterinary medicine for thirty years.

When Nick wasn't working, he enjoyed fishing and hunting, chopping and splitting wood, and working outdoors. He will be greatly missed by his dear friends, co-workers, his family, and especially by his wife, Gail.

The family wishes to thank his friends, caregivers, doctors, Kno-Wal-Lin HomeCare and Hospice, the Sussman House, the Rockland Fire Department Response and Rescue Team, and especially Julie Smith of South Thomaston.

A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, April 25 from 12-2 p.m. at Burpee, Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home Reception Hall at 104 Limerock Street, Rockland, Maine. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nick's memory to The Sussman House, Kno-Wal-Lin, 170 Pleasant St. Rockland, ME 04841.



NADINE HUGHES

Nadine K. Hughes, CPP, 65, of Weston Fla. died Sunday, April 19 at the Androscoggin Hospice House with her family by her side. Born in Norway July 25, 1949 a daughter of the late Ervil and Ruth Bennett Curtis, she was graduated from Gould Academy and attended received her bachelor's degree from University of Maine at Farmington in home economics.

Nadine retired from BenefitMail as V.P. Agency, Services Tax Division (Compupay) working in the payroll industry for over 37 years. She enjoyed reading, movies

and loved to work. Nadine will be remembered for all the loved of her family and people she helped during her life.

She is survived by her husband David M. Hughes of Weston, Fla., whom she married Dec. 15, 1972; two sons, Michael and Christopher, both of Weston, Fla.; her sister Linda Westleigh of Bethel; a sister-in-law Marcia Hughes; a brother-in-law Henry Arsenault; a sister-in-law Catherine Buck and a special niece Lisa Pivin.

She was also predeceased by Donna Gray, and brothers, Henry and Arthur Curtis.

The family wishes to thank the entire staff of the Androscoggin Hospice team.

Online condolences and photo gallery at www.thefortinhome.com.

Visitation will be held at Fortin Funeral Home in Auburn on Saturday, April 25, 4 to 6 p.m. with a celebration of Nadine's life to follow 6 p.m. A reception and fellowship will follow the service at the funeral home. Donations in Nadine's memory may be made to Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice 15 Strawberry, Lewiston, Maine 04240. A service of The Fortin Group Plummer & Merrill Funeral Home 217 Turner Street Auburn, Maine 04210, (207) 783-8545.



EVALINE A. ALCOMBRACK

Evaline "Evvy" A. Alcombrack (born Evaline Farrar) died peacefully on March 1, 2015, at Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia, N.H. at the age of 83.

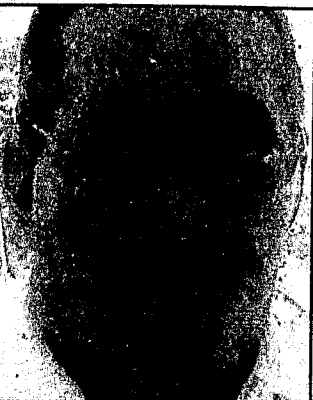
She is predeceased by her husband, Arthur Alcombrack and her three siblings, Oriole Farrar, Holman (Phyllis) Farrar & Edith (William) Bartlett.

Evaline will be missed by all who loved and knew her. She is survived by her daughter Joyce Alcombrack; her son William (Dorenda) Alcombrack; her grandchildren William Alcombrack Jr., Temperance Bruder, Felicia (Lewis) McSwine; her

great-grandchildren Mateo, Milo and Jayden; nephews and nieces Gary (Margie) Bartlett, Rick (Christine) Farrar, Ray (Margaret) Farrar, Jim (Rose) Bartlett, Gene (Robin) Bartlett, Elaine (Bobby) Turgeon and all of their families.

Evaline Ann Farrar was born on May 14, 1931 in Rumford, Maine to Arabelle and Richard Farrar. She moved to Danvers, Mass. where she attended Essex Agricultural School and graduated in 1949. She married Arthur Alcombrack of Salem, Mass. in 1963. They later moved to Gilford, N.H., where Evvy was a stay-at-home-mom to raise her children. Later in life she worked at The St. Francis Home. She retired in 1999 and stayed in the Lakes Region. In her spare time, she enjoyed knitting, quilting, walking and attending many church functions.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date in Maine. Memorial donations may be made to The American Cancer Society, The ASPCA, or The American Heart Association.



RAYMOND WALKER

Raymond J. Walker Sr. died at home on April 18 with his sister Phyllis and his companion Peggy by his side, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on May 26, 1943, the eighth of 16 children born to Gerald and Margaret Tibbetts Walker of Bethel.

He married Joyce Abbott and together they raised six children, including a set of triplets. He worked at Penley's Clothespin Factory and the tannery and spent many years logging.

Mr. Walker was a caregiver who cared for his cousin, the lady next door and friends until he was too ill to care for them. He enjoyed babysitting his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He loved to fish and hunt, but he was a farmer at heart. He enjoyed the time he spent with his animals - every-

one knew when baby pigs or goats were born. He was especially proud of the black Angus he recently purchased to add to the small farm he ran with the help of his son and daughter-in-law.

He was known as a wheeler and dealer. People, some he didn't know, would stop, looking for something he might have or might know where to find.

He was a kind and generous person who loved his family. Every one of them. He will be missed.

Mr. Walker is survived by his wife, three sons, Paul, Raymond Jr. and Russell and their spouses; two daughters, Deborah and husband and Paula and companion; brothers Stanley, Douglas, Tommy, Stevie and Harold; sisters Phyllis, Gertrude, Gail and Terri and their spouses; two sisters-in-law, Florence and Rose and son-in-law Jonathan Morgan.

He was predeceased by his parents; daughters Kathy Jo and Pauline; brothers Ronald, David and Gerald; and sisters Sharon, Barbara Jean and Geraldine.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 2, at 1 p.m. at Elmwood Cemetery in East Sumner.

MARK E. VAIL

Mark E. Vail, age 64 of West Bethel, passed away Monday, April 20, 2015 at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Mark was born in Rumford on May 28, 1950, a son of Emery L. and Geneva A. (Lane) Vail. He was educated in Newry grammar schools and graduated from Gould Academy in 1968.

He had lived in Salt Lake City, Utah for 30 years and worked as a computer programmer for the State of Utah.

Mark returned to Maine three years ago and moved to West Bethel. He enjoyed studying genealogy, and history of Bethel and Oxford County. He was a member of MENSIA International, the high IQ Society.

He is predeceased by his parents, and a brother, Douglas Vail.

He leaves behind two brothers, Lee Vail and his wife, Halina of Sandown, N.H., and Kurt Vail and his wife, Doreen of North Norway; two sisters, Heather Vail of Newry, and Patricia Mank of Waldoboro; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mark's family will be arranging a service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mark's memory to Responsible Pet Care, P.O. Box 82, Norway, ME 04268. Condolences can be expressed at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

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We want to thank every one for your donations. Your contributions helped make this incredible experience possible for Marcus. He is already setting goals and preparing for next year. Your generosity and dedication to our youth is greatly appreciated. We are very proud to be part of such a giving community.

Marc, Sherry, and Marcus Wentworth

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